



# Hon Greg Smith SC MP

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### APPEAL OVER SENTENCE FOR MUTILATION

The Crown has decided to appeal against the sentence handed down to a former South Coast doctor who was found guilty of genital mutilation, Attorney General Greg Smith SC said today.

Mr Smith said the Acting Director of Public Prosecutions had advised him the three-and-a-half-year jail term given to Graeme Reeves could be challenged on the grounds that it was “manifestly inadequate”. The minimum term is two years.

Reeves was found guilty of maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm on Carolyn DeWaegeneire, whose genitals he removed without her consent, and indecently assaulting two other female patients.

Reeves, who practised obstetrics in the far South Coast town of Bega without registration, was also convicted of obtaining a financial advantage by deception.

When the sentence was handed down on July 1, the Attorney General asked the Acting DPP, Lou Lamprati SC, whether it was open to an appeal.

Mr Smith said the Member for Bega and Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Andrew Constance, had also enquired about an appeal.

He said Mr Constance had worked tirelessly to win justice for Mrs DeWaegeneire and other constituents along with other MPs such as the Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner.