



## Dr William Russell Massingham Pridgeon

31 October 2018

The Medical Council of NSW has suspended Dr William Pridgeon's registration effective from 29 October.

In doing so, the Council made no finding of guilt on the part of Dr Pridgeon. This is a matter for the courts.

The Council acted to fulfil its responsibility to protect the health and safety of the public and to maintain confidence in the medical profession pending resolution of the serious charges against him.

The Council will not be making any further comment on Dr Pridgeon at this time.

### **Background**

The Medical Council regulates medical practitioners in NSW with the objective of maintaining public safety and confidence in the medical profession. Accordingly where a medical practitioner is charged with a serious criminal offence, the Council considers whether regulatory action is required.

Under section 150 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW), the Council has power to suspend or impose restrictions on a practitioner's registration as an immediate action pending full investigation and determination of any matters to be prosecuted before the courts.

Changes to the practitioner's registration status, such as the imposition of conditions or suspension, are published on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency online public register at <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registers-of-practitioners.aspx>

**Please attribute to a spokesperson for the Medical Council of NSW.**