

## **STATEMENT FROM THE TGA (Therapeutic Goods Association)**

Tattoo inks are not therapeutic goods, thus the TGA is not involved in their regulation.

Similarly, tattoo removal equipment is not regulated by the TGA as, again, these are not therapeutic goods.

Laser supply companies are regulated by the TGA only for equipment that is used for therapeutic purposes only. Cosmetic uses are not regulated by the TGA.

The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency is currently working with state and territory regulators through the Radiation Health Committee to develop a nationally consistent approach and appropriate controls of the use of lasers and Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) sources for cosmetic purposes.

A Radiation Health Committee working group has been established to assess options which could include education, training and/or regulation. Evidence of injuries and mistreatment will be required to support any regulatory proposal. The working group has medical and beauty industry representation as well as representatives from radiation regulatory bodies. Any proposed regulatory elements will be subject to public consultation and require endorsement by Federal and State Health Ministers before it could be implemented in local laws and regulatory frameworks.