



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Bogus Doctor Hoax Telephone Calls**

If you receive such a call:

- Remember it is your phone; remain in control, be firm and stay calm.
- Replace the handset without speaking.
- If the telephone rings again, lift the handset and wait; a genuine caller will speak first.
- Generally, when answering the phone do not give your name or number.
- If you have an answering machine, do not record your name or number on it.
- If the calls persist you may be able to change your number, have the operator intercept your calls, or in extreme cases, have the calls traced.
- Contact the police in your local area or call Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

It is an offence for a person to use the telecommunications service to offend another person, under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cmwth), Section 474.17(1).

You are encouraged to contact your nearest Police station and provide the date/time of call, so that reverse call charge records can be requested to identify the calling party's number to trace the subscriber of the calling service as soon as possible after the call is made.

For further information, please contact the NSW Medical Council on 02 9879 2200.

*Last updated 30 June 2010*