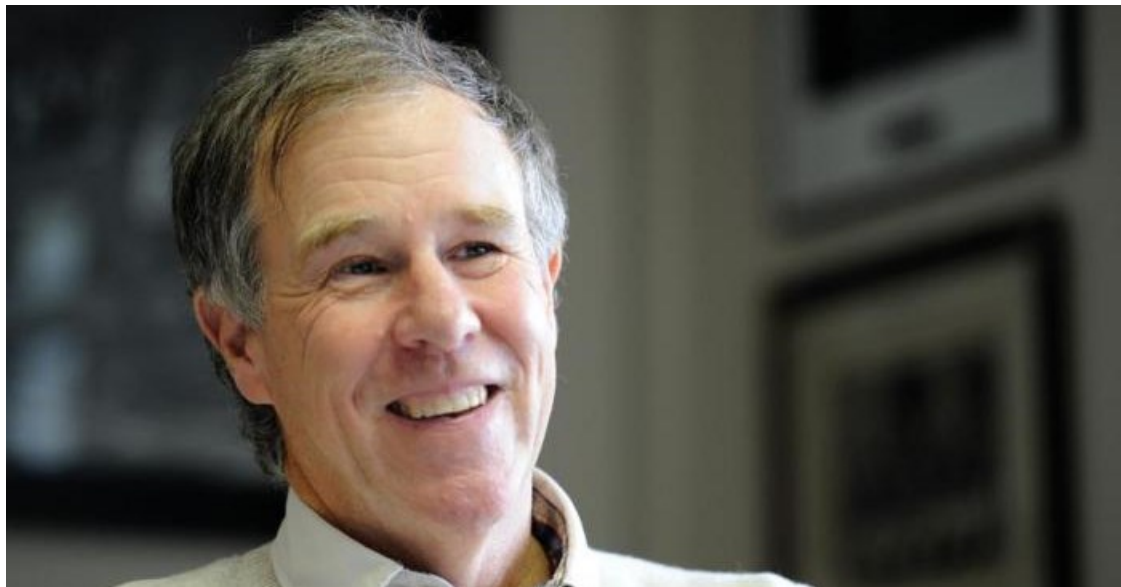


HPCSA finds for Noakes

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) has found Professor Tim Noakes not guilty on a charge of unprofessional conduct, after a protracted hearing.

The charge emanated from a complaint by the former president of the Association for Dietetics in South Africa, Claire Julsing Strydom, after Noakes advised a woman to wean her baby onto a low carbohydrate, high-fat diet on Twitter in 2014.



Professor Tim Noakes. Photo: [The Paleo Diet](#)

However, in concluding the hearing, council chairperson, Joan Adams said the council found that his advice was not dangerous. And that Noakes was not guilty of negligence or providing advice without sound information.

Four of the five committee members found that it was not proven that Noakes had acted in capacity as a doctor. Nor that it was a reasonable inference that he was undermining the benefits of breast milk.

"On the facts, this committee finds that no actual or potential harm was proven or that any information provided on Twitter by the respondent, whether unsolicited or not, was dangerous or life threatening," Adams said.

Noakes has welcomed the finding.

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