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Facing frozen facts

AUSTRALIANS undergoing cosmetic surgery are shying away from the frozen look and trying to hide their beauty enhancements, according to a top visiting cosmetic surgeon.

While US patients are happy to be recognised as having had help to achieve their desired look, Dr Alina Fratila said Australians were following European trends and opting for a more natural look.

"In Europe and Australia the patients do not want to look like they have been frozen, like they have been treated where they don't have any movement," she said.

"They still want to have a natural look and keep some movement such as a little bit in the eyebrow.

"In the US they are not so worried about the fact they are looking frozen

because the American patients are more open to cosmetic surgery and it doesn't matter if it is recognised that they have had treatment."

Dr Fratila is in Melbourne to instruct cosmetic surgeons on the use of Dysport, a botulinum toxin similar to Botox.

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