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To: medboardconsultation

Subject: Concern regarding code of conduct

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Dear Medical Board

I wish to state my personal concern at upcoming changes to the code of conduct.

Firstly I wish to state that I am a follower of the Christian faith, meaning I believe in the literal bodily resurrection from death of Jesus Christ, 2000 years ago, this being the basis of my believing him to be the Son of God. I believe and try to follow his teachings as set out in the new testament, and practiced by various denominations today.

I trust that the vast majority of Australian parents are able to competently make good and loving decisions for their children.

I am motivated to practice evidence based medicine.

I am at odds with current gender fluidity opinions, and would be very careful in what role as a GP I would follow if I were somehow approached to actively treat a child for gender reassignment. I wish to be able to exercise my freedom of religious beliefs in this particular scenario. I am concerned that a change in the code of practice may force doctors like myself to be penalised for acting or speaking in a way consistent with my faith.

Yours sincerely

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