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To whom it may concern

It is very concerning when there is any move in a "free" society to silence alternative thought and opinion. It always reminds me of Hitler's day when only his way was allowed to be propagated. Surely we do not want our society blinded through a lense that only sees one viewpoint?

I have found out that a doctors' group convened by Dr Lachlan Dunjey of Perth, has expressed concern for the future of medicine in Australia in light of the changes proposed to the medical practitioner's code of conduct. The group has stated that "Respect for a patient does not equal respecting 'cultural beliefs and practices' that may be antithetical to good medical practice." I would want my doctor to tell me all the truth about the risks of any medical treatment or behaviour I may be practising in my life that could have detrimental effects on my health. This could include decisions in my sexual life. I would hope the medical profession would not keep from people the risks of certain sexual behaviours and gender changing treatments on the basis of not offending someone. Surely this is just good medical practice? As Dr Dunjey said: "To actually achieve good medical outcomes for patients, doctors have to be free to challenge difficult problems that patients might seek to avoid, such as excess weight, excess alcohol, dangers of sexual behaviours – at the very least to tell medical truth".

Please do not change the code of conduct in such a way that medical practitioners are not allowed to give correct medical evidence and advice to all patients.

Thank you for hearing my views.

Regards

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