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Subject: Public consultation on Good medical practice
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Dear Medical Board of Australia,

Submission re: Public consultation on Good medical practice

I am seeking further information on section 2.1 of the draft revised code of conduct, specifically the following section:

“The boundary between a doctor’s personal and public profile can be blurred. As a doctor, you need to acknowledge and consider the effect of your comments and actions outside work, including online, on your professional standing and on the reputation of the profession. If making public comment, you should acknowledge the profession’s generally accepted views and indicate when your personal opinion differs. Behaviour which could undermine community trust in the profession is at odds with good medical practice and may be considered unprofessional.”

There are many contentious areas which different doctors hold differing yet reasonable views on the subject matter, including but not limited to euthanasia, abortion and late term abortion, health care funding, My Health Record and Medicare rebate freeze. Could you please spell out what are the “profession’s generally accepted views” and preferably publish them on your website? Without this information, it is unreasonable to expect doctors to comply with this. Until such time as the Medical Board can provide the information, the section **must** be removed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Please note: if you are planning on publishing my submission on the AHPRA website, I request my name to be withheld