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**To:** 'medboardconsultation@ahpra.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Public consultation on Good medical practice  
**To whom it may concern,**  
**Tell us what you think about draft changes to *Good medical practice***  
**My background: a doctor for over 30 years, a GP for 27 years,** [REDACTED]

**I have also worked with a colleague with conditions imposed on registration.**  
**My response: Below are some comments after just one quick proof-read of the draft document.**

## **1.2 Use of the code**

... Other uses for the code include in medical education; [*use of semi-colon: either this “;” should be a colon “:”?, or preposition “in” should be repeated after it if the next part is a distinctly separate item in the list – as it stands I am not sure whether there are 2 or 3 items in the list of uses*] orientation, induction and supervision of junior doctors and international medical graduates; and by administrators and policy makers in hospitals, health services and other institutions.

## **4.7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’ health**

4.7.1 Providing care that is holistic, free of bias and racism [understood so far], challenges belief based upon assumption [*use of commas: what does this last clause mean here? “Is challenges” just doesn’t make sense grammatically due to two verbs. Should it be “that or and that challenges belief based upon assumption”? Also needs another comma “,” here*] and is culturally safe and respectful for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

## **5.4 Discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment**

... Respect is a cornerstone of good medical practice and of patient safety. It is a feature of constructive relationships between medical practitioners, their peers and colleagues on healthcare teams [should add a comma “,” after “teams”] and with patients. [Sometimes an Oxford comma is needed for clarity, e.g. in view of the recent “and” in the middle of the preceding item in the list. For examples in this document of an Oxford comma see 8.11 & 10.9.1]

## **10.8 Medico-legal, insurance and other assessments**

10.8.1 Applying the standards of professional behaviour described in this code to the assessment; [*incorrect use of semi-colon again: this “;” should be a comma “,”*] in particular, being courteous, alert to the concerns of the person, and ensuring that you have the person’s consent for the assessment and any necessary physical examination.

## **12.2 Teaching and supervising**

12.2.4 Doing your part to ensure the teaching and learning environment is free from discrimination, bullying and harassment [should be a comma “,” here] and is culturally safe.

## **Acknowledgements**

... The process was also informed by similar documents issued by the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom, the Medical Council of New Zealand, the National Alliance for Physician Competence in the United States [should be an Oxford comma “,” here] and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada.  
Kind regards,  
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