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Dear Sir/ Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on intended changes to the doctors' code of practice.

I refer to the paragraph below.

- changing the section on culturally safe and sensitive practice to be clearer about the responsibilities doctors have to provide care that is culturally safe and respectful and to support the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The suggested changes to these sections mirror recent changes made by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia to the codes of conduct for nurses and midwives. It makes sense to have consistent guidance across the regulated health professions

I fear that mentioning a sub group can be divisive to the community, surely as doctors were are to care for every one according to their needs. Can that paragraph be changed to:

- changing the section on culturally safe and sensitive practice to be clearer about the responsibilities doctors have to provide care that is culturally safe and respectful and to support the health of all patients according to their specific needs.

I believe doctors should provide unbiased holistic care of all patients under their care taking consideration of their specific needs and health beliefs

Regards,

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