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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing as a member of the public and small business owner who is concerned by the news about the Medical Board introducing new measures into the Code of Conduct for our Australian Doctors that will restrict the most basic right of all Australians - the right to have their say on things they think are important. And I am shocked by the way the Queensland GP, Dr van Gend, was accused of discriminatory conduct just for forwarding a couple of tweets about the transgender issue. Has the Board now become like some arm of police now?

I accept the Board has an important role in making sure doctors are properly trained and safe to practise, but as members of the tax payers, I do not see any role for the Board in censoring doctors' opinions. We live or hope we live in a democratic country.

Where oh where has the freedom of speech disappeared?

Please I ask that you ensure there are no changes to the Code of Conduct that allow activists who feel "offended" by a doctor's political views to drag them through a complaints process. That would be an abuse of the Board's role.

Yours Sincerely

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