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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am concerned with the new code of conduct. The idea that a doctor could be disciplined for not towing the so called professional line is little more than gagging and an attack on free speech. This has no part in a democratic civilisation. The nebulous term 'community trust' is too ill defined to be helpful, and no doubt is deliberately vague so as to incorporate any notion that APHRA care to take issue with. To threaten someone with the termination of their career for holding a different belief is not fitting an educated body, but more in keeping with totalitarianism. What if someone disagrees on moral or religious grounds i.e. abortion, euthanasia, or gender transition? In a society where freedom of religion and conscience is valued, this strikes a blow at the heart of democracy.

I urge you to reconsider this ill thought out and unnecessary and potentially harmful alteration to the current code.

Yours,

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