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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a junior doctor working in the NSW public hospital system. I am glad that the Medical Board is updating its policies, but I am concerned about some of the proposed changes. In particular, section 4.8.1. Communication and patient interaction is a two-way street between patients and doctors, and I would think that determining what is culturally safe should also be a discussion between patients and doctors. As it stands, I'm worried that section 4.8.1 may hinder good medical practice, for example in cases of emergency life-saving blood transfusion for a child of Jehovah's Witnesses. I suspect in such a case, the Jehovah's Witnesses parents would say that giving a blood transfusion is not culturally safe, but their point of view should not be the only consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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