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Dear Medical Board of Australia,

I am very concerned that section 4.8 of the draft code of conduct requires doctors to be “culturally safe and respectful.” But the way that this section is written could easily be interpreted to mean that doctors must comply with a patient’s beliefs about culture, gender identity and sexuality, with no provision given for a doctor to differ in his professional judgment.

It would be medically irresponsible for a doctor not to warn his patients about these behaviours and advise ceasing such activity on medical grounds. But as the draft code currently stands it is unclear whether doing so would breach the code.

In light of this uncertainty, I trust your response will be to recommend retaining the unamended existing Code of Conduct instead.

Yours sincerely,

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