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Dear Medical Board of Australia,

The Medical Profession worldwide, is incredibly important, it impacts society and the well being of all people.

I understand that the Australian Public have until 2 August 2018, to share with Medical Board of Australia, their thoughts and concerns about the proposed changes to the Australian Medical Code of Conduct. This is not very long and hasn't been adequately shared in the media inviting the community to email the Medical Board.

My concern is the impact on Freedom of Speech for Doctors.

In the 'Professionalism', section 2, page 7 of 31, paragraph 4,

the words..."If making public comment, you should acknowledge the profession's generally accepted views and indicate when your personal opinion differs".

This comment "professions generally accepted views" leaves a very dangerous door open for a select few Medical writers, to decide on behalf of all doctors what the accepted ethical and religious views are.

Add to this the consequence of disciplinary action with doctors who disagree with the select few, and there is a recipe for unfair dismissal as we have seen overseas, in recent years, and weeks.

It would be better if commonsense were acknowledged and doctors (who are intelligent enough to earn a degree in Medicine), were respected and allowed to support people through...

1. Freedom of Speech
2. Freedom of Practice
3. Freedom of Research
4. Freedom to Campaign

Jesus taught, that all people are valuable. To love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. To love your neighbour as yourself. See Matthew 22:37-39.

All people, and their differing values need to be respected. No just a select few, speaking on behalf of the majority.

Silencing the Medical Profession from intelligent discussion is dangerous.

Imagine forcing a doctor to agree with a patient with delusions, or else loose their job!  
Imagine forcing a doctor to perform an abortion, or else loose their job!  
Imagine forcing a doctor to euthanase a patient, or else loose their job!

Let's face facts, this is where society is heading unless we stop the non-sense now.

For the safety of patients and their doctors ability to discuss the best treatment options.

Thank you for considering re-wording  
the 'Professionalism', section 2, page 7 of 31, paragraph 4.

Kind Regards  
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