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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding the proposed changes in your draft revision 2018, as a member of the public, which uses the services covered by the Australian Health Practitioners' Regulatory Authority (AHPRA).

It is important to recognize that we, the public of Australia, are all culturally different and our bodies are quite unique, with the result that we do not all respond in the same way to the same treatment. In fact, in the medical sciences, even more so than in other branches of the sciences, it is imperative that we should have different views and arguments discussed publicly and openly, so that we can be aware of all the differing points of view and possible treatments available. This will assist us, as the public, to make a considered decision on the treatment we seek.

When opinions of individual members of the AHPRA are suppressed, as you are suggesting in your draft revision, distrust is created. No body of individuals, no matter how wise they may think they are, can claim to speak for a large group of people. At best, an elected board can speak for the board members, and even then the board members' bias plays a major role.

Science is not politics, in which opinions matter, but should be based on truth, using peer reviewed papers, showing results from similar, repeatable experiments. These outcomes should be robustly questioned and argued publicly, so that the real truth will prevail (not just the truth as accepted by a limited few). History has shown that commonly held views were often incorrect and it took a dissenting voice to be heard to change the status quo.

We are currently moving into an era of rampant political correctness that is stifling the sharing of ideas. The views have become overwhelmingly one-sided, and it is not an indicator that people have figured out the truth, but it is an indicator that there is an incredible amount of political correctness and people cannot talk about the truth.

In an effort to release the truth, I would urge you to reconsider your stance on stifling dissent, but rather work towards encouraging different points of view from your members and total honesty. Then we, as the public, would be empowered to get the best medical treatment available.

Yours faithfully,  
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