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To The Medical Board Consultation Group,

I have recently read much about the proposed changes to Doctors and their new fangled inability to help and support their patients with their own advice.

This is incredible in a country that has long held a Doctor up as a guide and professional able to help. We need our doctors to guide and help us in times of confusion, distress, diagnosis and disease. If we silence them and remove their ability to help and guide, we may well lose many great minds who have been a help and strength and guide in supporting their patients. What is the purpose of a Dr who is silenced to accept and believe what we want him to believe. He is no more than a puppet. And seriously, can't people abide a difference of opinion anymore. A difference of opinion used to be useful to help us see the point from a different perspective and to consider if we are on the right track. Wise men, Counselors, An objective opinion - were all once of value. If we remove the support of patients to confide in a Doctor who is free to speak his mind and opinion we remove the ability to freely interact, guide, support, nurture, counsel and advise; after that what is left? Without the help of our Doctors, many of us would not be here, where we are now, as professionals often give support emotionally and physically and have many times in my 51 years given me much food for thought.

My [REDACTED] was a Doctor for years practicing in Pakistan, New Zealand and later Sydney before [REDACTED]. I know that our whole family looked to him in times of crisis and confusion. His opinion held weight and why should it not. He was well studied and in fact still studied and did his Theseus in his later life. I value his opinion. I value the opinions of my Doctors and if they differ from my own, I don't go home and cry or feel slighted... it is as it always was, a difference of opinion to shed light on something I was considering.

Let us keep our Doctors free. Let them be who they are or are we bordering dangerously close and entering into the History of the French Revolution, where no other thought than our own was allowed? These things belong in countries led by dictators. Let free thought continue, and let us have our Doctors be free to counsel us. Let our Doctors freedom of thought be the same as those who may visit them.

Regards, Meredith Laughlin