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Dear Medical Board of Australia,

We are saddened that the proposed Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia makes it incumbent upon medical professionals to respect diverse gender identities and sexualities. This is a very different thing to respecting the patients themselves, because gender identities and sexualities are behaviours which, like smoking or drinking alcohol, certainly do have medical consequences.

That is why we ask the Board to change the wording of section 4.8.2 to reflect that it is the patient him or herself who is to be respected; whereas behaviours, which can have serious health consequences, should not so much be respected but treated instead.

Yours sincerely,

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