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Dear Medical Board of Australia,

Thank you for your public consultation on proposed changes to the Medical Code of Conduct.

I am concerned about the proposed changes. I believe the standard for medical practice would be removed if patients or families stopped doctors from discussing what is medically relevant to their care, based on not considering such medical discussion as what is "culturally safe". They also would endanger patients when they are too ill to make their own decisions, by setting up families to determine what is appropriate "culturally" whilst dismissing any requirement for informed discussion about medical risks. By dictating to doctors what is considered "medically irrelevant" in consultations, the proposed changes threaten doctors' ability to exercise independent clinical judgment and freedom of conscience and in essence, good medical practise.

I would want my doctor to advise me of any concerns they have for my health regardless of what may be deemed 'culturally safe'.

Yours Sincerely,

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