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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with great concern that I write to you after reading about the recent complaint lodged against Dr David Van Gend.  
([https://www.lyleshelton.com.au/persecution\\_of\\_family\\_doctor\\_a\\_warning\\_to\\_parents\\_to\\_shut\\_up](https://www.lyleshelton.com.au/persecution_of_family_doctor_a_warning_to_parents_to_shut_up))

How are 'the health of the community and... the health and wellbeing of individual patients' threatened by a qualified doctor sharing items on social media? I seriously doubt that anyone could provide me with a substantial, reasoned answer. This complaint and its being taken seriously seem to me to be not a matter of justice of any kind, but a witch hunt - a punishment in search of a crime. Dr Van Gend has clearly upset the powers that be for even questioning a very unsteady orthodoxy.

If there is to be something called 'Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia', it needs to include acknowledgement and protection of free speech for healthcare professionals.

Regards,

Scott Paine