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To whom it may concern.

I am writing to express my concern in regard to the AHPRA's proposed code of conduct draft for doctors.

Particularly i am concerned about the insertion of paragraph 4.

I am concerned about the loss of free speech for doctors.

I am concerned that there will be a stop to medical professionals being be able to discuss all ideas.

I am concerned and have questions on how can the committee can realistically evaluate 'community trust' and be impervious to the strongly expressed views of various minorities.

I am concerned that a gagged profession is likely to reduce rather than strengthen community trust.

I believe that the community is best served by a free thinking profession rather than an intimidated cartel that speaks with one voice.

I believe that the community should be able to evaluate concepts and values by itself and does not need thought protection by AHPRA. Therefore, AHPRA may construct for itself a patronising image.

Imam concerned that by submitting to the sanctions of alleged professionalism, the new Code may force a doctor, in fact, to practice unethically, ie to practice against his/her conscience which is informing that the majority view is wrong.

Doctors, therefore, need to maintain personal honesty and integrity. They should be able to voice both sides of questions.

Thank you

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