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Dear Medical Board members,

I have read that "the Medical Board of Australia draft code of conduct that will apply to all Australian doctors requires doctors to be "culturally safe" and comply with a patient's beliefs about gender identity and sexuality, with no provision given for a doctor to differ in their professional judgement".

I am not in any way a health professional. Just a community member. My concern is that bringing in this kind of mandatory requirement on all doctors will particularly affect GP's. I think it likely that a number of them will opt to change or restrict their field of medicine so as to avoid various professional issues this will raise. It will probably also prompt some new graduate doctors to avoid entering GP medicine.

The overall result of these responses would be a further reduction in the undersupply of GP's, especially in rural/regional areas. This could also lead to further lowering of level of GP service availability, due to the added stress placed on continuing GP's. Then some of them would also move away from this work.

So from a purely practical point of view, as a regional person already confronted with reducing availability of GP services, I ask that no such mandatory restrictions be introduced.

Already there are many fields of medicine that specialise in particular patient conditions and I don't see why gender identity and sexuality matters cannot be handled in the same way.

Yours sincerely,

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