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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to make a submission to the subject public consultation and am particularly concerned with the intent explicit in the rewording of Section 2.1 of the Code of Conduct which reads:

“you need to acknowledge and consider the effect of your comments and actions outside work, including online, on your professional standing and on the reputation of the profession. If making public comment, you should acknowledge the profession’s generally accepted views and indicate when your personal opinion differs. Behaviour which could undermine community trust in the profession ... may be considered unprofessional.”

This is an Orwellian idea, contrary to freedom of conscience and speech. Particularly the notion that alternate “thoughts” might be deemed “unprofessional”

Surely it contradicts what I would hope would be one of your main aims as an organisation, to ensure that the various opinions of your profession would be freely available to and debated in the public square.

Medical remedies and theories are always being revised and only a healthy debate that includes professional opinion, can hope to inform public opinion and through that legislation or regulation where appropriate.

The inclusion of words to this effect also strengthens the arm of of those with pecuniary interests or activists hoping to silence alternate views. The latter already evidenced in the case of Dr David Van Gend - a Toowoomba GP.

I request that this section be deleted,

Jim Wallace  


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