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To whom it may concern.

I write to raise the deep concern of my family about the draft revised code of conduct for medical practitioners by the Medical Board of Australia.

In particular, section 2.1 where it will effectively suppress free speech and free debate of issues including euthanasia, abortion and gender dysphoria. This is not a healthy approach for the common good of the community.

For the community to trust the medical profession, the community must believe that a doctor's practice is guided by their views of what is best for their patients. The community must also believe that a doctor holds these views in good conscience. If a doctor's beliefs differ from the majority but he/she has good reasons for them and he/she holds them in good conscience, he/she must be allowed to freely express these views. Many breakthroughs in medicine happened when someone challenged the views of the majority, e.g. Semmelweis.

Time and more research will prove whose views work out best for patients. Until then, we believe it is considered ethical and good medical practice for a doctor to maintain his/her own view which in good conscience he/she deems the best for the patients.

We urge the medical Board to delete relevant section/s which silence differing views of doctors.

Thank you.

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