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Hello, my name is Linda Franzman and I've just read a very disturbing article in the Sunday telegraph (29/7/18) which describes what can only be perceived as an assault on freedom of speech by aphra against a medical practitioner in my previous Home town of Toowoomba.

As your body is currently examining the codes relating to medical practitioners and their conduct, it's timely that the public have been alerted to this review and hopefully there will be many contributions from the public. My greatest concern is the creeping censorship of regulatory bodies in education, the judiciary, parliament, entertainment industry and now the medical regulatory board.

It's offensive to the average person to think that our medical professionals are being bullied into silence, with no rights for freedom of thought or speech for no reason other than political correctness.

Please, do not persecute good doctors such as Dr. David Van Gende for having beliefs which contradict the ideology of those who insist on the current mantra of "inclusion and tolerance."

It's a frightening future facing us if we cannot have any differences of opinion without the constant threat of financial ruin due to legal actions by publicly funded advocates of the currently fashionable causes.

I'm hoping that the aphra will see commonsense and discontinue its pursuit of those who engage in innocuous conversations with like-minded people and that the regulatory boards don't continue the ongoing assaults on freedom of speech.

We live in a western democracy which ostensibly supports the freedoms and cultural values of its largely Anglo Saxon population but this freedom is being rapidly disintegrated by overt political correctness which will result in a timid and mute citizenry by virtue of stifling censorship by authorities.

Please think carefully about the unintended consequences of restricting free speech and association by regulations and punishment, that approach diminishes us as educated beings.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone