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The Chairperson,  
The Medical Board of Australia

Dear Chairperson,

I have serious concerns about the proposed Draft Code of Conduct for all Australian doctors.

There are subtle but potentially devastating wide-ranging consequences inherent in the wording.

The suggestion that doctors comply with a patient's beliefs respecting gender identity & sexuality

with no provision for a doctor to differ in his or her professional judgement constitutes a clear roadblock

to good medical practice. This is forcing doctors against their better judgement to accept "cultural beliefs & practices".

This is a denial of one's social conscience & is a clear restriction of an individual's civil liberties & rights, long held inviolable

in the free world.

I strongly urge a continuation of the present wording of the Code & the preservation of the freedoms we have long enjoyed.

Yours sincerely,

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