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Dear Medical Board of Australia,

I am saddened that the proposed Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia makes it incumbent upon medical professionals to respect diverse gender identities and sexualities. This is a very different thing to respecting the patients themselves, because gender identities and sexualities are behaviours which, like smoking or drinking alcohol, certainly do have medical consequences.

That is why I ask the Board to change the wording of section 4.8.2 to reflect that it is the patient himself who is to be respected; whereas behaviours, which can have serious health consequences, should not be respected but treated instead.

Yours sincerely,

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