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Dear Medical Board of Australia,

The Code of Conduct for Doctors in Australia should make it incumbent upon medical professionals to respect patients.

We are 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, when acted out / upon, are behaviours which certainly do have medical consequences.

That is why we 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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