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To the consulting board

I am very concerned about the proposed changes in wording and interpretation of the medical code of practice.

When a patients cultural or religious beliefs downplay established medical best practice, this becomes a major cause for concern.

To quote Darryl Budge from Family Voice Australia, "Doctors have to be free to challenge difficult problems that patients might seek to avoid, such as "excess weight, excess alcohol, dangers of sexual behaviours – at the very least to tell medical truth".

Doctors have a responsibility, regardless of race, religion, gender or sexuality, to provide the best medical knowledge and subsequent care. In turn, their code of conduct needs to support their expert opinions and professionalism.

Thankyou for your time in considering this matter.

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