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Medical Board of Australia  
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To whom it may concern

**Re: Draft revised Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia**

RANZCO is the medical college responsible for the training, examination and professional development of ophthalmologists in Australia and New Zealand. We seek to improve eye health across Australia and New Zealand, as well as further afield, by providing best quality education, training and continuing professional development; by promoting eye health care and the work of ophthalmologists; and through collaboration with others involved in the delivery of eye health care.

Regarding the revised Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia, RANZCO believes the current code is working well and benefits from the changes being considered.

The content and structure of the draft revised code is welcomed. In particular, information on social media, career transitions, vexatious complaints and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' health is timely and appropriate.

Section 5.4.5 *Doing or saying something about discrimination, bullying or sexual harassment by others when you see it and reporting it when appropriate*, could be amended to include the provision that saying something should only be done if it is safe to do so. Reporting is important and should be done when necessary and appropriate.

Section 12.2 Teaching and supervising could be strengthened to include the requirement that feedback is given in a timely manner.

RANZCO does not believe there are any substantive points missing from the draft revised code beyond consideration for a future section on how doctors deal with suspected cases of intimate partner violence.

Please contact [REDACTED] at the College for further information or clarifications.

Kind regards

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