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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express grave concerns for a draft code of conduct that would impact all Australian Doctors, requiring them to be "culturally safe" and to comply with a patients' beliefs about gender identity and sexuality, with zero provision for a doctor to differ in their professional judgements.

The transgender, LGBT community are a minority, therefore we do not change current good medical practices based on a minority's wishes. I don't have to tell doctors that gender is biological that there are 6500 differences between male and female so if science has not changed, why would you make a change forcing all Australian doctors to be culturally safe. What about being medically safe first?

To respect a patient, does not equal respecting 'cultural beliefs and practices' that may go against the grain of good medical practice. There are ways to respect all people without changing good medical practice.

We can already see in the UK a range of consequences because of poor decision making regarding the transgender communities rights. Take this news article for example, where women were sexually assaulted because of a transgendered person placed in a female prison, who has since been relocated to a male prison. The consequences of making cultural over scientific choices are disturbing in this instance.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5964539/Transgender-prisoner-female-jail-sexually-assaulted-four-women.html>

I sincerely ask you to present my submission and make no decisions lightly.

Sincerely,

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