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Executive Officer, Medical, AHPRA,

Dear Sir/Madam,

In relation to the Medical Board of Australia's alterations to the Code of Conduct I wish to raise my concerns to that of proposed change, Section 2, "The current section on culturally safe and sensitive practice has been revised (including changing the title to 'Culturally safe and respectful practice') to ensure that doctors understand their responsibility to provide care that is culturally safe and respectful and support the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples."

I believe that interpretation of this change would disallow doctors from giving the best medical treatment and advice to their patients. There are several cultural practices which are not safe and if adhered to would seriously jeopardise the patient's health and the right of the doctor to perform his or her duty of practice. Being sensitive to culture is important as is respecting the patient but respecting cultural practice does not always mean safe medical practice. What if "payback, sub-incision or female genital mutilation was respected and doctors were not able to intervene? That would be irresponsible as a practitioner and as a society.

Please, also allow doctors the right to identify people according to their gender. I would certainly like my General Practitioner to refer to my gender and age in my records and referral letters and thus assist associated medicos to plan my treatment more effectively, as it would the majority of people.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,

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