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Please accept my submission **against** the proposed changes to the Doctor's Code of Conduct, especially the 'cultural beliefs and practices'.

Requiring/forcing doctors to be 'culturally safe' is an insult to their professionalism! What have the patient's beliefs about the gender identity and sexuality got to do with their health issues from a qualified doctor's professional perspective?

The proposed Code is intending to make sure that doctors do not discriminate against patients on "medically irrelevant grounds"

What medical evidence is there that the above changes are necessary? Likewise what evidence is there that doctors have discriminated against patients on the "medically irrelevant grounds" of race, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or other grounds, as described in anti-discrimination legislation?

If there are individual cases of any of the above problems, I am sure that current Code of Conduct has ample means for doctors to be held accountable and therefore doesn't require changing.

In addition any compulsion for doctors to meet any and all patient requests for referrals for abortions and other sexual related services is an insult to doctor's professionalism over and above the doctor's medical assessment of individual patients' requirements.

Any restrictions on doctor's life outside their work hours is a stifling of their freedom of speech and therefore must be resisted.

Until doctors agree that any proposed changes to the 2009 version of the Medical Board of Australia draft code of conduct will assist them to perform their medical professionalism in an improved manner **I am against the current changes.**

Yours sincerely,

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