

Dr Joanna Flynn
Chair, AHPRA

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Re: Proposed changes to Code of Conduct for Medical Profession

Dear Dr Flynn,

The proposed changes to the Code of Conduct for medical practitioners have only been brought to my attention this week.

I was also alarmed to read a recent article in the Daily Telegraph highlighting the plight of a GP who has been accused of “discriminatory conduct” for retweeting tweets, which is an alleged breach under the existing code.

I have grave concerns that the proposed changes to the Code will have a detrimental effect on Australian doctors’ rights to free speech, and accordingly I cannot endorse them.

I do not believe the profession has been adequately briefed on the implications of the proposed changes to the Code, nor that there has been sufficient consultation or debate.

I am not convinced that there is enough justification for the proposed changes and therefore I recommend Option 1 – Retain the status quo.

Yours sincerely



Dr Nigel Munday
President MSASA.