Dr. Philip Donato
Chairman
Chiropractic Board of Australia

RE: AHPRA Codes and Guidelines - Chiropractic Board of Australia

Dear Dr. Donato,

I am dismayed that I was not notified in writing by the Chiropractic Registration Board that the AHPRA Codes and Guidelines were available for review and comment. I have since read the consultation paper on the AHPRA Codes and Guidelines posted on the Chiropractic Board of Australia website and I would like to offer the following comments:

The sections “Guidelines on advertising”, “Guidelines on mandatory notification” and “Code of conduct” appear to apply to all health practitioners. These guidelines outline a good standard of professional conduct for all health practitioners in Australia. It makes no sense that the “Code of professional practice for chiropractors in Australia” is included with these guidelines.

The tone of the ‘chiropractic specific’ section is incredibly negative. The wording is primarily reactive and repetitive. This seems to complicate the guidelines rather than help to clarify them. I feel that the Chiropractic Code of Practice is likely to cause significant disruption to the practice of chiropractic in Australia, without adding any benefit. **I am strongly opposed to the inclusion of these guidelines.**

I have read the consultation paper on the AHPRA Codes and Guidelines - Osteopathy Board of Australia and I think these guidelines would be sufficient to guide the chiropractic profession also.

I know that there is widespread opposition to the adoption of these guidelines and I look forward to the Board’s response to the comments received.

I have also read the comments of Peter Cowie and I agree with all of the comments and suggestions that he has made.

Regards,

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