Code of Professional Practice for Chiropractors in Australia

Malcolm Rudd to chair:

Cc: CAA WA

To President of the Board

Dear Dr Donato,

Draft Code of Professional Practice for Chiropractors in Australia

I graduated from RMIT in Melbourne in 1993 and have served my profession in many roles. At a state level I have contributed by being on the CAA(WA) executive for many years, including two terms as state president. Currently I continue to serve the profession as a Coach and Mentor, and as a practicing Chiropractor of 16 years.

The Code of Conduct for Registered Health Professionals is well written, open and positive in its framing, and is a chance to further our professional standards. This has been formulated across all the health professions.

The Code of Professional Conduct for Chiropractors in Australia is poorly written, restrictive and negative in its framework. It is largely aimed at a minority within our profession who have had complaints against them with state boards. These guidelines will restrict the ethical and professional clinical practices of many professional and ethical Chiropractors all over Australia. It is like locking every citizen in jail when a crime has been committed, rather than just the ones who have committed the crime.It assumes poor conduct by all Chiropractors thus necessitating proscriptive directions in all areas of practice.

I would recommend that the Chiropractors Board of Australia remove the entire Code of Professional Conduct for Chiropractors from consideration. It has been formed from the point of view of a handful of Chiropractors, and is not representative of the majority of our profession.

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