‘Attention: Chair,
Chiropractic Board of Australia’
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Dear Dr Donato,

I wish to make it known that I have read the guidelines for the new National Chiropractic Board and I have a number of concerns regarding the restrictions it seems to apply to how we as Chiropractors may be able to practice in the future. It appears to be a negative, knee jerk reaction document in response to a limited number of problems that have tarnished the otherwise impeccable record that we as a profession in Australia have built over the past 90 years or more.

The vast majority of practitioners in Australia have the consumers’ best interest at heart and practice accordingly. This document appears to be overly prescriptive and does not allow individual practitioners to freely practice in a way in which they can best assist their patients/clients to attain a level of health they would not otherwise be able to reach.

I have read the comments by Dr’s Postles, McKibbin and Cowie and do agree with the sentiments expressed within those letters. I do not have a problem with a Code of Practice, I am all for encouraging our profession to attain a level of clinical excellence that becomes openly evident within our society. I do however believe that this document should emphasise the positive and allow for a level of clinical judgment that the current document does not.

Yours sincerely,

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