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Dear Dr Donato,

Following are my comments and concerns regarding the draft guidelines for chiropractors under the new national registration scheme.

The official submission from CAAN deals adequately with the details of the consultation paper on codes and guidelines. So I shall limit myself to comments and questions of a more general nature.

My first impression, upon reading the guidelines, was that they are demeaning and condescending towards the chiropractic profession, and by inference, to me as a practicing chiropractor.

I have visited the web site of the Chiropractic Board of Australia and noted the names of its members, some of whom I recognize as experienced and respected members of the chiropractic community. I have some difficulty reconciling this fact with the tone and content of the guidelines.

Were these the people responsible, I asked myself, for the content of these guidelines? What would prompt them to put their names to a document that so debases our profession?

I cannot imagine a single chiropractor in Australia would be willing or able to comply with the guidelines in their present format. I trust that the groundswell of input from across the spectrum of the chiropractic community in Australia will ensure that the Board abolishes the code of practice for chiropractors, and that the general guidelines are adopted, with appropriate amendments, as per the CAAN submission.

Yours sincerely,

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