Submission to Chiropractors Board of Australia
Re;Code of professional conduct for chiropractors
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I graduated from RMIT in Melbourne in 1981 and have serviced in many roles, on both state and federal executives, as state president, a chiropractic board member, chairman of the chiropractic board and a practicing chiropractor for 29 years.

I have been involved with many milestones, the amalgamation of the Australian Chiropractic association (ACA) and the United Chiropractor association (UCA) into the now Chiropractor association of Australia (CAA).

I was Queensland board chair when the profession decided that we should support the Osteopathic profession's quest to be a separate and distinct profession.

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

The Code of Professional Conduct for Chiropractors is poorly written, restrictive, insular and negative in it framework.

It is the combined results of many frustrated state boards working to remove rogue elements from the profession and its inclusion will only hamper the proper development of new and necessary guidelines as the challenges to the new act becomes apparent.

I would respectfully suggest that the entire Code of Professional Conduct for Chiropractors be omitted as it will only cause confusion and place an unnecessary regulatory burden for little to no effect.

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