Attention: Chair
Chiropractic Board of Australia
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Dear Chair,

Please accept this submission as written confirmation that I am opposed to the Draft Code of Professional Practice for Chiropractors in Australia (2010).

The code proposed in this draft is unacceptable. The code is at odds with the underlying philosophy chiropractic was founded upon and has been practiced in accordance with for the last 115 years.

The code is overly restrictive and is potentially harmful to the chiropractic profession and to the health of chiropractic consumers and potential chiropractic consumers.

The tone of this draft is consistently condescending. It implies that chiropractors do not act in the best interest of individual consumers and the public needs to be protected from chiropractors. From my experience this could not be further from the truth. All of the chiropractors I know are extremely caring individuals that practice with respect, integrity, and honesty.

I acknowledge the possibility of a small population within the profession that may not be acting with integrity. However, I am certain that this is contained to a very small portion of the profession that should be dealt with individually.

It is my belief that the Draft code of Professional Practice for Chiropractors in Australia was not drafted by chiropractors that accurately represent the profession. I request that this draft is rejected. Furthermore, I suggest that the board members responsible for the creation of this draft be replaced by chiropractors that accurately represent the majority of the profession.

Sincerely,

Rachel McEwan
Chiropractor