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Submission to the Chiropractic Board of Australia
Consultation Draft Code of Conduct for Chiropractors dated May7th 2010

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Chair,
Code of Conduct for Chiropractors

I would like to start this letter by stating my disgust in the ridiculously short amount of time given by the Board for the profession to submit their statements regarding the second draft of the ‘Code of Conduct’ for Chiropractors. A document of such importance, on which an entire profession is to be based and held to, should not be pushed through as not to give time for many in profession to respond. In doing so the board has brought upon themselves the impression from the profession that they are doing this in the hope that many will not or cannot respond so they are able to pass this document for the benefit of their own political agenda. In other responses that I have read, I have seen a number of calls of ‘No Confidence’ in the board and I for one can understand their reasoning.

Having read submissions by Dr. Mark Postles, Dr. Gordon Benz and Dr. Peter Cowie, I can say that I agree with most of their statements regarding the ambiguous wording of these guidelines. It appears as though a prosecuting attorney has helped to write this document as to make it very easy to prosecute any Chiropractor that is brought up on any charge. Again, what is your agenda?

I am particularly concerned about the proposed guidelines referring to radiology (which need not even be included), paediatric care and frequency of care. These guidelines will have a huge impact on the majority of the profession and need to again be revised and reworded. To say that “caring for children and young people brings additional responsibilities” is ridiculous. I have two children and I care for them in the same way I would care for any of my clients that walk through my door. Again, what is your agenda?

In conclusion, I would again like to state my dissatisfaction with not only the wording of these proposed guidelines but also with the underlying intent with which it appears to have been written. I will suggest that the board adopt the input given by the Chiropractors Association of Australia and the profession as a whole and again revise these guidelines and not try to rush them through for their own benefit.

Yours in ChiropracTIC,

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