Submission to the Chiropractic Board of Australia [CBA]

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Attention, Chair, Chiropractic Board of Australia natboards@dhs.vic.gov.au

Regarding the Draft (2nd) Code of Professional Practice for Chiropractors in Australia [the Code]

1. Let the Code, be synonymous with optimal professional excellence.

The Code could be of immense value, to the profession and the public it serves, provided that it is what the Chiropractors want.

Points of excellence include its clarity, transparency, simplicity, fairness, progressiveness/flexibility, being an appropriate living stimulating document that sees the Chiropractic profession go from strength to strength in collaboration with other health care streams.

2. Let the Code only be acceptable as document of optimal professional excellence.

In its present state the Code is still *work in progress*, and it seems that it is nowhere near a final draft of optimal excellence. There are so many submissions/comments, to many of which I agree, are still to be considered that it appears the Code will not be ready for implementation 1 July 2010.

It is OK for the Code not being ready for implementation 1 July 2010, preparation time for the Code seems to have been underestimated, … the remedy is very simple, create/allow more time for completion.

3 The Code, it seems is in danger of being a second class production.

Pressure of time in having the Code ready for 1 July 2010 makes optimal professional excellence of the Code, elusive, if not impossible.

4. Delaying the introduction of the Code to sometime after 1 July 2010 makes good sense and has only benefits.

Delaying the introduction of the Code until after 1 July 2010 is easily manageable. If the Federal Government can delay our ETS for 2 years or more, than we can delay introducing the Code for a more satisfactory outcome.

5. John Hill , CHAIR, Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council, secretariat@hcdsmc.sa.gov.au, in his letter 31 March 2010, congratulated the CBA on submitting its final proposals for the chiropractic profession on,

- Criminal history registration standard
- English language requirements registration standard

- professional indemnity insurance arrangements registration standard
- continuing professional development registration standard
- recency of practice registration standard

Are any of these proposals available for viewing, now?

I look forward to your reply.

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