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Attention: Chair, Chiropractic Board of Australia

After reading through the second submission for the national code of registration we again would like to submit the following suggestions.

1. Although an attempt has been made to cut down the inappropriate tone, it still remains a document that is overly prescriptive and demeaning to members of the profession.

2. We believe that the board is overstepping its role of protecting the public. This role is carried out via instituting proper education and by firm repremand for misconduct not by the board stepping into areas of best practice and what it considers is evidence based medicine. There must be space for the natural evolution of the profession which cannot occur within the confines of such a document.

3. After reading through the similar guidelines for the physiotherapy and osteopathic professions it highlights the unnecessary strong line that the board has attempted to take. All professions have those that practice inappropriately but this again is a very small minority and its the boards role to deal directly and firmly with those individuals, not through these guidlines but by repremand and restriction for misconduct.

Because of these points I suggest that the board moves to scrap this document in its current format and produce a document that is generic and positive that can be modified in the future as events dictate.

I thank you for your time.

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