



POINT OF VIEW

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A question to my local Member of Parliament

Dear Ben,

The decades of chiropractors being free to publish what we wanted the community to know about chiropractic have ended.

Aiding organised medicine's war on chiropractic, our Federal government gave medically dominated AHPRA legal control over our profession.

The government has allowed AHPRA to impose a threat of prosecution if a chiropractor publishes other than an AHPRA-approved yet undisclosed range of information. Does that restraint apply to the daily media medical PR publications, or are they free of this AHPRA inhibition?

Prior to publication, there is no mechanism for chiropractors to check with AHPRA if chiropractic information is legally suitable for publication. Having a lawyer give an opinion as to whether a planned article or item meets AHPRA approval is an expensive avenue that may not provide a defensible solution.



Publishing an item and risking AHPRA deciding that the chiropractor committed a prosecutable offence is the only way to find out if an item meets AHPRA's requirements.

This is similar to our government prosecuting drivers for exceeding unpublished speed limits.

Please ask your Minister for Health:

Is AHPRA applying this prohibition equally to all other registered health care professions?

If 'No' could the Minister please explain why the government allows AHPRA to discriminate against Australia's chiropractic profession?

Best wishes,

CC the Oz chiropractor's email network, our patients and the media.

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