



Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists

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Royal Society Te Apārangi

To whom it may concern

RE: Medical Board of Australia public consultation on clearer regulation of medical practitioners who provide complementary and unconventional medicine and emerging treatments

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Medical Board of Australia public consultation on clearer regulation of medical practitioners who provide complementary and unconventional medicine and emerging treatments

ASCEPT is the leading professional body in Australasia for clinical pharmacology policy and practice and its members' expertise encompasses experimental and clinical pharmacology and toxicology (including: clinical trial and regulatory issues, pharmacovigilance and quality use of medicines).

ASCEPT is supportive of greater regulation of complementary and unconventional medical practice and agrees with many of the issues raised by the Medical Board of Australia in the consultation paper. As such, is supportive of option 2. ASCEPT's members are firm believers in evidence-based medical practice and has long advocated against the administration of complementary and unconventional medical practice that is not based in sound scientific evidence. These practices can cause direct harm to patients, can delay the acquisition of appropriate medical therapy and can be financially burdensome for vulnerable patients.

A group of ASCEPT members contributed to the feedback in particular members of the ASCEPT Clinical Pharmacology Special Interest Group. Please find our feedback attached to the email and if you require any further information contact the ASCEPT Executive Officer, [REDACTED] at ascept@ascept.org.

Kind regards

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