

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Comr

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To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
Subject: 008 Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

as a retired psychiatrist I write in relation to the proposed
**Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2018.**

It is my experience that compromised confidentiality does indeed affect the therapeutic alliance between a health practitioner and a patient/client, and thereby jeopardises the successful treatment of the relevant condition. This is to the detriment of the patient, and, in the case of the patient being a health practitioner, potentially of the public.

Should telephone advisory services be included in mandatory reporting, even the first step, i.e. seeking help or referral to a treating practitioner, would be fraught with the danger of being reported and therefore losing one's source of income. This would inevitably result in many suffering health practitioners not seeking help and as a consequence potentially putting the public at risk.

I also see this planned legislation as a grotesk injustice to health practitioners, who are required to put themselves increasingly at risk of e.g. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder by treating an increasingly violent clientele.

I urge you to consider the example of the WA legislation, which exempts treating practitioners from mandatory reporting and thereby enables successful treatment of health practitioners.

Yours sincerely,
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