

Inquiry - Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the committee,

A nationally consistent approach is just more of the same. I would suggest an independent panel to oversee investigations and prosecutions similar to the way that the PONI oversees investigations involving Northern Ireland police. This bill does not in any way inspire any confidence or protect public safety.

You forgot menace beside reprisals or other detriment, threats and intimidation. Even though these acts are already serious violent criminal offenses the tribunals are overseen by fellow medical practitioners. I would advocate for more clearly defining such offenses as aggravated serious violence offences when conducted in the capacity of their office under the criminal code. I would suggest that serious violence crime including sexual offenses be removed from the remit and jurisdiction of the medical boards and more clearly defined as an adjunct post sentencing role with mandatory conditions to ensure consistency.

I would also recommend dedicating a parliamentary session to observing [REDACTED] submit to repeated neurological examinations so that you can understand the difficulty of prosecuting serious violent crimes perpetrated by health professionals. So you can see how it is done. [REDACTED] A doctor couldn't possible know how much pressure could tear the plantar fascia so when it happens that doctor can just be referred for a friendly chat about the matter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] switch the doctor and diagnose them with preexisting inflammation and prescribe him ibuprofen, ignoring any other health complaint. keep sending in different doctors that need to repeat the same procedure. This legislation doesn't address any of the problems of the acceptability and permissive attitudes toward violent behavior in the context of patient abuse within the health professions.

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