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Victorian Health Minister Pre-empt's COAG Health Council Meeting

The Australian Chiropractors Association is aware of articles run in News Limited papers around the country this morning concerning Spinal Manipulation in Children by chiropractors.

“Australian Chiropractors are highly trained and registered health professionals who provide care to approximately 30,000 children every week, with all available evidence showing that this care is safe, and highly valued by parents. The report states ‘This extensive search identified very little evidence of patient harm occurring in Australia. In particular, there were no patient complaints or practitioner notifications that arose from significant harm to a child following spinal manipulation.’

“The public consultation that formed a part of the Safer Care Victoria review was one of the largest in Australian history, as well as one of the most emphatic, with more than 99 per cent of the nearly 27,000 members of the public who participated being supportive of the profession caring for their children. These are people on the ground who have seen first-hand the benefits chiropractic care can provide and have voted with their feet.

“We firmly believe that in the absence of evidence of harm, restrictions on informed consent for healthcare should not be put in place, and Australian parents should not have their right to choose the care that is appropriate for their family restricted. If this approach is applied to medicine and other allied health professions then choice would be severely restricted.”

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