

Dear Parents,

Review of Chiropractic Spinal Manipulation on Children Under 12

The Victorian Minister for Health has asked Safer Care Victoria (SCV) to lead an independent national review of the practice of spinal manipulation on children under 12 years, and for the findings of that review to be provided to all Australian Health Ministers later this year, including any need for changes to the law.

While the review will examine all available research, it will also call for submissions from members of the public to ensure an informed decision is made about the future of chiropractic care for children under the age of 12.

As the President of the Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA), I represent more than 3,000 chiropractors in Australia. We are the peak body for the profession and strongly believe the review should not jeopardise the level of care chiropractors in Australia can offer. We firmly believe chiropractors play an important role in your family's healthcare.

The profession would greatly appreciate your support to ensure that chiropractic care is available to all Australians without unnecessary age restriction. As a parent of one of the 30,000 children that Australian chiropractors see every week, there is no better way to share how meaningful chiropractic care is, than with your personal experience.

The current review is being conducted by SCV, and as part of the review they want to hear from Australians who have received chiropractic care. I would appreciate it if you could please share your experience of chiropractic care for your children with SCV, by making a short online submission at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/chiropractic-spinal-care-children-review>.

Making a submission is a simple process and submissions will close on **Friday, 21 June 2019**.

The following questions may help guide your answers:

- What age was your child when spinal care was provided?
- What was the main reason you saw a chiropractor and did you see any other practitioner?
- How satisfied were you with the information, involvement and care provided?
- Why is this review important to you and is there anything else you would like to tell?

This consultation is open to members of the public from all over Australia, not just those who live in Victoria. We encourage you to highlight why you believe chiropractic is an important care option for your child and your family.

On behalf of the Australian Chiropractors Association, we are appreciative of your support.

Many thanks,



Dr Anthony Coxon

President, Australian Chiropractors Association