

# Reconciling destructive intent with truth and reality

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## Grok prompt

Provide a short summary on professional language of this editorial by Phillip Ebrall called Reconciling destructive intent with truth and reality

## Grok response

This editorial by Phillip Ebrall examines the historical origins of anti-subluxation rhetoric within chiropractic, highlighting research by Senzon that identifies a highly cited paper by Keith Charlton and Joseph Keating as particularly influential in undermining the profession's foundational principles. Ebrall argues that such work has caused lasting damage to chiropractic's identity and clinical legitimacy, and he criticises certain academics, including Matt Fernandez, for promoting views that marginalise chiropractic's role in managing conditions such as low back pain.

While expressing frustration with internal professional conflicts and lack of appreciation for editorial support, Ebrall also acknowledges positive developments, including growth in Australian chiropractic organisations, expanding educational programs, and renewed research interest, ultimately calling for the profession to reaffirm its evidence-based contributions and resist efforts to diminish its core tenets.

Ebrall calls for a disciplined return to transparent reasoning, rigorous evidence evaluation, and ethical consistency as essential safeguards against ideological distortion.