

## Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023

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Dear Mr Power

I refer to correspondence dated 3 December 2023 regarding the *Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023*.

On reviewing the Bill, as tabled, I am pleased to note that issues previously identified by my Office, and discussed with Queensland Health have been addressed within proposed legislation, specifically:

1. The Bill is only relevant to community pharmacies and does not include services provided to hospitals (day, private or public – “part 8 – What is a Pharmacy Business”).
2. The public register is identified as including location and services provided, not owners and interest holders as previously raised.
3. The Bill specifically prohibits pharmacies from being located within or attached directly to a supermarket.
4. The Bill imposes limits on the number of pharmacy businesses within Queensland that a person may own or hold an interest in.

One remaining potential issue that the Committee may wish to consider is that the Bill does not include any requirement for pharmacists to declare their related holdings/material commercial interests outside of Queensland.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Bill.

Yours sincerely



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