

## Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Committee inquiry into the Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023**

I am a small pharmacy business owner and welcome recent amendments to the Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023, however I believe further amendments can strengthen this legislation and hold the following concerns in its current form.

**Clause 8(3):**

Definition of “pharmacy service” - this is critical. I feel the current definition is too narrow and needs to be broadened to reflect what we provide as pharmacists. Including dispensing, supply, prescribing, selling, administering, repackaging, compounding, possessing, disposing of medicines and the provision of clinical service or advice (either at or from a licensed premises or through digital platforms) provided in the course of practice by a pharmacist.

**Clause 11 (3):**

To adopt the following definition of a supermarket - **supermarket** means a premises or **online** store used primarily for selling a range of food, beverages, groceries and other domestic goods.

Also, ensure that the policy objective of the Bill is to ‘prohibit the council from issuing a licence if the pharmacy business is located in a supermarket’ is met, the Bill must have application to pharmacy businesses and supermarkets whether they are online or physical locations.

**Clause 13:**

The definition of material interest is weak and I believe that the bill should adopt an amendment to the definition of ‘material interest’ to include the words ‘legal’ and ‘beneficial’.

**The QLD Pharmacy Council:**

I have concerns that the council will not be made up by a majority of Pharmacists and the absence of a term/s limit to serve (maximum number to terms). This is critical for public confidence and for the council to operate its function as intended.

I thank you for your time in hearing my concerns in strengthening this legislation, and helping to strengthen our community pharmacies whom play an important role in primary healthcare of all Queenslanders.

Yours Sincerely

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