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To: [Pharmacy](#)
Subject: RE: Parliament Inquiry into Pharmacy Ownership
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in regards to a recent examination by a parliamentary committee into Pharmacy ownership rules. As a young business owner and pharmacist, I would like to highlight the following as reasons why I strongly believe Pharmacy ownership should remain Pharmacist owned, rather than by supermarkets, pharmaceutical companies and other big corporates being allowed to own pharmacies.

- Currently accountability for prescription services can be enforced via the professional standards expected of the pharmacist as an owner – if this is a corporate as it is in America they pay fines at a corporate level but there is no individual accountability, in Australia if the owning pharmacist does not act in the best interest of the customer there can be significant ramifications for them maintaining their professional registration & therefore business
- Competition in the retail space – supermarkets in Australia are dominated by 2 players there is a risk to the numbers of owners if corporate ownership is allowed
- Regional access – pharmacies current exist in many small communities where there are no other health services – the current model of ownership and location rules supports the current model which provides healthcare and pharmacy services in regional locations
- Continuity of care of having local pharmacist owners living in regional communities for many years

I look forward to your reply and continued support of the pharmacy industry.

Kind Regards,

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