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Dear Mr Hansen,

RE: Inquiry into the establishment of a pharmacy council and transfer of pharmacy ownership in Queensland

I have been made aware of the abovementioned inquiry, and respectfully write to submit my view on issues within the terms of reference of this enquiry.

There is widespread agreement, including both sides of government that the current model has served Queenslanders well over the many decades it has been in existence. As an industry that employs approximately 4,500 pharmacists, or 12,000 pharmacists and pharmacy assistants across 1,140 small businesses I find it concerning that your terms of reference have been extended to include deregulation. A rushed decision will have a myriad of potential unintended consequences.

Deregulation will shift the focus of community pharmacy from small community-based businesses servicing the needs of their community to a corporate mentality of return of investment as priority. Many services that I currently provide within the pharmacy to my local community do not provide a sustainable return on investment, however as a local community pharmacist, I am committed to providing the services that my local community need, whether they provide a bottom line return or not.

I employee from my local catchment, earn a living and not much more, however I really believe that the work I and my employees do each day contributes to the health and wellbeing of our community. I honestly believe a deregulated model will not allow these services to continue. You need only review the removal of services and closure of pharmacies overseas post deregulation to foresee what would occur here in Queensland.

I understand that there are various matters for consideration by this enquiry, however I am extremely concerned regarding the inclusion of deregulation as a consideration. I respectfully request that the committee consider the important role of pharmacies and recommend against deregulation.

Regards,

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