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To: [Pharmacy](#)
Subject: Inquiry into the establishment of a pharmacy council and pharmacy ownership rules in Queensland
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To Parliamentary Committee Secretary,

Re: Inquiry into the establishment of a pharmacy council and pharmacy ownership rules in
Queensland

It has come to my attention that the parliamentary committee is reviewing current ownership rules for pharmacy. Deregulation of pharmacy ownership will place power on the big business corporates. As a local community pharmacist for the past 10 years, I have seen our industry evolve over time. Some positive changes, such as the affordability of medication to the public through price reduction of PBS medicines and the introduction of an array of pharmacist professional services to better look after our community. I'm a strong believer that the interest is always on the well-being of the community. Supermarkets and other big corporates should not own pharmacies, as corporates are driven by profits rather than the well-being of our community. Deregulation of ownership might result in closure of pharmacies in certain areas and demolish pharmacy professional services.

Pharmacy remains to be the most accessible of all health professionals. As a pharmacist, it is our professional responsibility to look after the well-being of our community. We offer free advice, health support and screening services. For pharmacy to remain as the frontline of the healthcare system, I'm opposing any rushed, unplanned changes and the deregulation of pharmacy ownership, so that we may continue to ensure our support to local communities.

