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To: [Pharmacy](#)
Subject: Re the change of pharmacy ownership.
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Dear Mr.Hansen,

I am writing with my concern to your government's involvement into establishing a pharmacy council to inquire into the possibility of changing the rules and regulations to transfer ownership of pharmacies in Queensland.

Obviously, as a pharmacist and pharmacy owner, I am concerned as to why your government would even consider looking into deregulating pharmacy.

Pharmacy as an industry has operated under its present rules of ownership since the year dot. We are an industry highly respected by the community for its level of service, its empathy towards the general public and its conduct in a highly professional and ethical way.

The obvious concern with any form of deregulation is the allowing of the multi-nationals to operate pharmacies with-in the confines of their supermarkets. And sadly any changes to the current rules regarding pharmacy ownership would result in this happening.

You only have to look at the track record of what these multi-nationals do to any industry they are allowed to enter. The petrol industry, the dairy industry and the list is endless.

Service, empathy and genuine community involvement are words foreign to them. They only know terms like monopoly, control and the end result is simply their worship to the holy dollar.

Pharmacy is a unique industry that the Australian community trusts and respects.

Multi-nationals don't have any respect for the Australian community and will only open up stores in areas with sufficient population density to operate profitably. They will drive out competition, reduce employment numbers and operate without any consideration to a satisfactory standard of service and genuine empathy for the local community. This is not what pharmacy represents.

If you have any conscience for the people that have elected you into office you will see how disastrous any changes to the rules of pharmacy ownership would be.

Don't give these Companies the opportunity to destroy such a wonderful industry that pharmacy presently represents.

Faithfully Yours

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Wallumbilla is a town of 262 people with no doctors, a General Store, a State Mon-Friday Hospital run only by a R.N. A State School that goes to year 10, a Post Office and a stock and station agent and a hotel and my pharmacy.

Can you imagine Woolworths opening up a pharmacy here. No they would just want to open up in the closest available major town, destroy all the local opposition by competing purely and simply on price and once the opposition was gone then prices would sneak up and people in nearby rural locations would have to travel big distances.

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