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Committee Secretary

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**RE: INQUIRY INTO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHARMACY COUNCIL AND TRANSFER OF PHARMACY  
OWNERSHIP IN QUEENSLAND.**

LEAVE OUR PHARMACIES ALONE!

If the likes of COLES or WOOLWORTHS have the opportunity to own pharmacies, the local community pharmacies where the elderly, young families and those with medical conditions turn too, will be gone.

The jobs of pharmacy assistants who have dedicated their life, knowledge and compassion to their customers would be no more. And the customers who depend of their trusted pharmacy will lose something so valuable, something that Coles and Woolworths can't replicate.

Pharmacies are not JUST any retail shop, we are the first point of call for anyone who needs free information and help with their health matters; we know our customers by name, we know their stories, we know their families, we are more than a retail store, for some we are like family, especially to our vulnerable elderly community who view us not just as a shop but somewhere they know they can turn to and trust when it comes to their health.

Leave pharmacies to pharmacists who are in the business on helping and serving our local community. Not to Coles or Woolworths who are in it to build their already booming profit.

Why do we need to change this? Why?

Regards

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