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To: [Pharmacy](#)
Subject: Establishment of a pharmacy council
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Committee Secretary
HCDSDFVPC
Parliament House
George St
Brisbane Q 4000

Dear Mr Hansen,

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

I am a community pharmacist and have been made aware of the above mentioned inquiry. I am writing to you to submit my views within the terms of reference of the inquiry.

I have been a registered pharmacist in Queensland for over thirty-five years and a pharmacy owner for over thirty years. At different times over these years I have provided pharmacy services to the hinterland towns of Beerwah, Glasshouse Mountains, Landsborough and Mooloolah Valley; when and where big business would have no interest in providing those services. During this time I believe the services I have provided in concert with the local general practitioners have contributed to substantial cost savings to the state health system and the federal health system. Together we work to keep our local community in good health. We need each of us to be strong to enable our professional commitment to continued provision of health services to these communities in the rural setting. Big business would not be interested in providing the level of local commitment that generates a "Community", that generates high quality health outcomes for patients, that provides a health service that allows elderly folk to live in their local community in their own homes where they receive help from family and neighbours. Big business has no interest in these outcomes for a community where economics trump community values and the individual professional commitment to provide high standard "Quality Care" backed health services. The vacuum in service provision left when big business makes the local community pharmacy unviable will need to be filled by government state and federal at an increased cost to their health budgets.

Regards

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