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To: [Pharmacy](#)
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Subject: Pharmacy Council and pharmacy ownership in Qld
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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 as a practising community pharmacist I wish to contribute my views.

I am fully supportive of the establishment of a pharmacy council and I believe this will bring Queensland pharmacy in line with the rest of the states. I am concerned that the terms of reference for the inquiry include a review of the current laws regarding pharmacy ownership.

I firmly believe that ownership of pharmacies should remain with a qualified and registered pharmacist. I don't believe Australians want big companies, including supermarkets and drug companies, owning pharmacies. The health of my patients is my main concern. There are many services such as blood pressure testing, blood sugar testing and home deliveries that I do for free because it is in the best interest of my patients. Please consider if a faceless corporate entity would offer this level of service. I believe it wouldn't because it will not add to their bottom line.

The current model of ownership works and works very well. I am concerned about the unintended consequences that a change in ownership would cause in damaging the accessibility of pharmacists and the flow on consequences to the network of 1140 Queensland Pharmacies and the communities that they support.

Please don't allow deregulation, Big Business, profits and shareholder returns to forever change the landscape of Queensland to the detriment of your local community pharmacy.

Regards,
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