

Committee Secretary

HCDSDFVPC

Parliament House

George Street

Brisbane Qld 4000

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 I write to submit my view on issues within the terms of reference of this inquiry.

As Pharmacy Assistant of the year for Queensland, I am very very passionate about Community Pharmacy and what this means to our country towns and city suburbs.

Community Pharmacy aims to bring that good old fashioned "Personal" customer service back to our Pharmacies. When I say this I mean that we care as a person and a business about our Patients/customers and will go above and beyond to make sure that they are looked after and their health is our main priority.

If Pharmacy was to be owned by just anyone and in particular the big corporations this service would go by the way side and the potential problems that this would cause is astronomical.

Community Pharmacy is all about team work. Team work with other primary health providers in our area with one main focus – OUR CUSTOMERS HEALTH!!

Community Pharmacy is not all about the \$\$\$\$ and making huge profits. Pharmacy is about health and well being and making sure that the Pharmacists and allied health professionals are looking after our population and keeping us healthy and happy.

We continuously have customers that come to us after self selecting at a super market for their problem and when they explain to us what they bought we discover they have wasted their time and money because they didn't have the professional advice on what they were purchasing.

Please for the health and well being of our country don't let this happen as we will be one very sick nation.

Kind Regards

Clare Stone