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To: Pharmacy

Subject: SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHARMACY COUNCIL AND PHARMACY

OWNERSHIP IN QUEENSLAND

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Dear Committee,

1. Are pharmacy ownership restrictions imposed by the Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2001 (Qld) (Act) necessary to protect consumers and deliver accessible and affordable medicines and services? Why or why not?

At the heart of every pharmacy is a Pharmacist owner, who takes pride in offering superior healthcare to customers and patients. Deregulating pharmacies would change that approach and corporate greed will supersede the core objectives of a community pharmacy. Providing superior healthcare is the core objective of any pharmacy – so to change this would be detrimental to every day Australian's health outcomes.

Corporate based models only foster a culture of probability and shareholder value, and at what cost to the consumers health? It would be disappointing to see companies prioritize profits over a duty of care in providing health, wellness and knowledge. Owned and operated model with a dedicated Pharmacist works successfully, changing this has severe short term and long term affects to the public.

As a community member with a focus on healthcare needs for all ages and demographics, I fully support the submission of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. Thanks

Kind Regards

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