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Dear Mr Hansen,

I would like to make a simple submission to the inquiry.

I have been a pharmacist for 34 years and a pharmacy owner (as a partner) for 20 years and have experience of pharmacy here and overseas.

The system of ownership and PBS approval process seems to me to be very fair and reasonable. The Queensland public receive a great service from their local pharmacy where in most cases the owner is the person they see and know on their visits for medication and health advice. The pharmacist and consumer develop a trust and bond which only comes from the pharmacist being invested in the community. We don't call it community pharmacy without reason. All this is put in jeopardy where corporate business takes over as I have witnessed for myself overseas and with medical practices.

It grieves me greatly to see the rules as I know them being openly disregarded which is why I am very much in favour of the establishment of a Pharmacy Council to ensure that the existing rules that are working well are upheld. Pharmacy offers an enormous health resource to local communities and can offer much more in the future with the ever increasing demand on government health dollars.

From a more personal view I have invested 20 years of my working life in my pharmacy and serving the local community with all the risk borne by myself, pharmacist partners and family. It would be a tragedy for all involved if the existing community pharmacy model was to be diminished in way.

Regards

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