



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 we write to submit our views on issues within the terms of reference of this inquiry.

I am a community pharmacy owner, committed to the health and wellbeing of our community.

My partners and I live in the local area and have deep community ties.

I am writing because I am concerned that the proposed changes to laws concerning pharmacy ownership, could lead to a 'profit-first' lack of accountability in how pharmacies are run. I always put my patients first, I know them on a first name basis, and as an owner at the coal-face am personally accountable for the decisions I make. I cannot foresee corporate owned pharmacies looking after my community in the way my colleagues and I do.

Most professional services we perform are done as efficiently as possible, but still done at an operating loss. I deliver to locals myself after hours and provide advice for free 7am until 8pm 364 days a year. This level of service could not continue with the changes being proposed.

For your consideration,

Jake McIntosh

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