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Dear Committee Secretary,
HCDSDFVPC
Parliament House
Brisbane Q
Dear Mr Hansen,

I write in reference to the inquiry into the ownership of Pharmacies in Queensland.

**I whole –heartedly reject any move to allow supermarket companies, drug companies
And other big corporate to own and run Pharmacies.**

Pharmacists are often the most accessible health **professionals** in a community- **providing much needed
after consultation support.** You can't just walk back into the doctor's surgery and say can I just see you for
a second to clarify something but a pharmacist would take the time to see you.
When you go to these people you need to know that they will give you the best health advice they can
And they are not being driven by the background economics of big business.

They and General practice doctors are about the last bastion of professional ethics left in communities.
The Banking sector shows what happens when things are deregulated.

The PBS scheme is funded by the public's money and I don't think that large supermarkets should be
allowed to 'run' pharmacies that allow them access to the money from this scheme. I don't think doctors
should be allowed to own Pharmacies either as it opens the temptation to over prescribe or favour brands etc
that would allow profiteering.

Every 'Joe Blow' I'm sure would want the person looking after their health to be independent and unbiased
By the economic bottom line of some multi-national company.

Keep pharmacies in the hands of PHARMACISTS.

Yours faithfully,

Kathryn Shaw.
