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Mr Aaron Harper  
Chair  
Health, Communities, Disability Services  
and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

**Via email:** [health@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:health@parliament.qld.gov.au)

Dear Mr Harper

Thank you for providing AMA Queensland with the opportunity to provide a submission to the *Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill* (HOLAB).

AMA Queensland is the state's peak medical advocacy group, representing over 6000 medical practitioners across Queensland and throughout all levels of the health system. We have considered the proposed changes and many are common sense changes, such as those regarding death certificates for schools of anatomy, and the new regulations for notifiable dust lung diseases which has arisen from the Black Lung Inquiry, which AMA Queensland has previously advocated for and supported.

Beyond these sections of the Bill, the only other section of relevance to our members is the repeal of the *Medicinal Cannabis Act 2016*.

Regarding this, given the changes to the way medicinal cannabis is regulated by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), AMA Queensland agrees that a separate Act specific to Queensland is no longer needed. We have no concerns regarding the proposed repeal of this Act.

AMA Queensland thanks you for providing us with the opportunity to provide you with a submission on this consultation paper. If you require further information or assistance in this matter, please contact Mr Leif Bremermann, [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dilip Dhupelia', written over a white rectangular box.

Dr Dilip Dhupelia  
**President**  
**Australian Medical Association Queensland**