

## Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2025

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## **Inquiry into Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2025**

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) is the peak national professional pharmacy organisation representing Australia's 40,000 pharmacists working across all areas of practice, including:

- hospital (both public and private)
- community pharmacy (employer pharmacists and employee pharmacists)
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations
- general practice
- residential care
- defence
- consulting
- academia.

PSA leads and supports innovative and evidence-based healthcare service delivery by pharmacists. PSA provides high-quality practitioner development and practice support to pharmacists and is the custodian of the professional practice standards and guidelines to ensure quality and integrity in the practice of pharmacy.

PSA is generally supportive of the amendments to the *Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2024* and offers the following specific comments on selected proposals.

### **Definition of core pharmacy services**

PSA is supportive of the proposed amendments to the definition of core pharmacy services. It is essential that only pharmacy services involving the physical possession of a medicine are captured under this definition. Pharmacists provide pharmacy services in a range of locations outside of a community pharmacy, including in medical practices, aged care homes and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. The professional practice of pharmacists carrying out these services is appropriately governed by other legislation and standards including the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Queensland)*, the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019* and the PSA's Professional Practice Standards 2023.

### **Definition of 'compound'**

PSA is supportive of the amendment to exclude reconstitution of a medicine from the definition of compound, more closely aligning this definition with that contained in the Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Regulation 2021.