



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR THURINGOWA**

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**HEALTH, COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES AND DOMESTIC AND  
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

**Report**

 **Mr HARPER** (Thuringowa—ALP) (10.15 am): I lay upon the table of the House report No. 12 of the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee titled *Inquiry into the establishment of a pharmacy council and transfer of pharmacy ownership in Queensland*.

*Tabled paper:* Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee: Report No. 12, 56th Parliament—Inquiry into the establishment of a pharmacy council and transfer of pharmacy ownership in Queensland [[1639](#)].

In this report, the committee has made 11 recommendations to strengthen the state's vital retail pharmacy profession. Most importantly, the committee has recommended against establishing a statutory pharmacy council. However, we see merit in establishing a body for the industry to advise the government on a range of issues, including the enforcement of pharmacy business ownership requirements and expanding pharmacists' scope of practice in the future. We envisage that the costs of this body would be met by the pharmacy industry, not taxpayers.

I thank my fellow committee members for their work on this inquiry. I particularly want to acknowledge the contribution of the Auditor-General, Mr Brendan Worrall, and his team at the Queensland Audit Office for their audit of the Department of Health's administration of pharmacy business transfers. I also acknowledge the Queensland Productivity Commission, which prepared a cost-benefit analysis for the establishment of a pharmacy authority.

This 100-page report is a significant body of work. I know my fellow members of the committee will join me in acknowledging the committee secretariat for their work on this report, which was done at the same time as the report on the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018, which we will be debating this week. We thank Mr Rob Hansen, Mr Rod Bogaards and the entire secretariat for their contribution in putting together this report.