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### **PHARMACY BUSINESS OWNERSHIP BILL**

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (5.32 pm): I rise in support of the Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023. Like my colleagues on this side of the House, I like the ‘community’ in community pharmacy. It is important that we always maintain that level of personal service that comes when we go into our community pharmacy in our respective local areas. Before I give a shout-out to some of mine, I acknowledge the presence in the gallery of some of the Pharmacy Guild representatives. I can see those beautiful-looking ties—

**An honourable member:** The white smocks.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** The white smocks. It is great to see you all here. Thank you very much. My sister started her working career in a community pharmacy in Ingham. I saw what that did for her as a young woman entering the workforce—the opportunities it gave her and the ability to connect with that community. To this day, she still has incredible friendships and incredible skills that she learned in that career.

I am mindful of the great contribution that community pharmacies make. I want to use my contribution to thank the many in my local electorate of Broadwater: the Monterey Keys pharmacy, Chempro at Hope Island, Hope Island Amcal, Paradise Point Chempro, Terry White Runaway Bay, Priceline Runaway Bay, Sanctuary Cove Chempro and Coombabah Chempro, to name just a few. We know how much they mean to the community. We know how much value they give. More than that, though, they are small and family business owners. The reason the opposition will be supporting this bill and the reason the opposition was keen to have it debated as soon as humanly possible—I am mindful that it has taken some time to get here—is that they are good changes that ensure ‘community’ remains in community pharmacy.

Increasingly, pharmacists are doing amazing work in a really strained health system. We have to acknowledge that. We have to acknowledge the work that our pharmacists did during COVID, when there were mixed messages. When decisions needed to be made at the front line, in many cases it was community pharmacists who stepped up. We owe them all a great deal of gratitude for that. They employ local people. They provide trusted local advice. We are most grateful for the contribution they make. For that reason, the LNP will be supporting the Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023.