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Mr Kim Wood
Principal Commissioner
Queensland Productivity Commission
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Dear Mr Wood

Kim,

In accord with Section 29 of the *Queensland Productivity Commission Act 2015*, I direct the Commission to undertake a cost benefit analysis into the establishment of a pharmacy council (or other viable alternatives) in Queensland. Terms of reference for this analysis are attached.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Trad'.

JACKIE TRAD MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background

The Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee is undertaking an inquiry on the establishment of a pharmacy council. The Committee has been asked to report on:

- a) the effectiveness of the current systems and processes in Queensland to regulate pharmacy business ownership in Queensland and protect Queensland consumers;
- b) the possible role and scope of responsibility of a pharmacy council, including any powers of enforcement and/or ability to impose penalties; pharmacists' and pharmacy assistants' roles and scope of practice; and interactions with other agencies or individuals involved in regulating pharmacy businesses and practice;
- c) models of regulation of pharmacy business ownership in other jurisdictions;
- d) a cost-benefit analysis of establishing a pharmacy council;
- e) any changes to legislation that would be required to establish a pharmacy council, including, but not limited to, changes to the Pharmacy Business Ownership Act 2001 (Qld), the Health Act 1937 (Qld) and subordinate legislation, namely the Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996 and the Health Regulation 1996;
- f) all transfers of pharmacy ownership in Queensland over the past two years.

The Committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly by 30 September 2018.

The Committee is seeking the Commission's advice on item d) of the terms of reference.

Scope

The Commission should undertake a cost-benefit analysis of establishing a pharmacy council (or other viable alternatives). The analysis should consider and report upon:

- potential direct and indirect costs and benefits, including impacts on Queensland consumers, business and the wider community.

Consultation

The Commission should consult with relevant parties and subject matter experts on a targeted basis. However, no public consultation is required.

Reporting

The Commission should provide a final report to Government by 24 July 2018. There is no requirement for a draft or other form of report.