

Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation

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11/07/2017

To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Pharmacies in Maryborough.

I have been a GP in Maryborough since December, 1980, nearly 38 years now. I am now the Practice Principal at [REDACTED].

When I first came, there were three Pharmacies, two small and one medium sized. Over the years, one of the small pharmacies has grown into a large pharmacy and the other was absorbed by the other two.

The now large pharmacy has shown a commitment to our community. All 4 business partners live locally. They have increased their services and their hours and have shown themselves to be adaptable. If we are running over an a Sunday morning clinic, and there are patients who will be needing scripts, one phone call from us and they will stay open longer as needed. The pharmacists have a good rapport with the local doctors. They have also shown an interest in training, with hosting of pharmacy students and now taking pharmacy interns. They also employ a lot of local staff.

There will also be some local patients who will shop out of town to try and get cheaper prices, usually at the "warehouse" type retail pharmacies, who cannot and do not provide the same local support to us and our patients.

I believe that another pharmacy in Maryborough would not improve services or reduce costs to our local patients, but rather would be more likely to lead to a decline to our existing services as the existing pharmacies rationalise their businesses in order to remain cost competitive and viable. I cannot see an up side to another pharmacy in town. We have a better service now with two than we ever did when we had three.

I would urge the Minister not to exercise his discretion in this matter, but to support the original decision.

Yours sincerely,

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11/7/2017

Dear Reader,

I have been a provider of medical services in Maryborough for the last sixteen years
I have built up a very good relationship with the pharmacies supporting our patients.

I have found their services indispensable in particular in as much as they supported us
over weekends and public holidays

We are very aware of the extra time and effort they put into delivering a fantastic
service during times that would fall outside of normal hours and normal practice

This includes support to the local hospital to provide medications required at short
notice

It also includes support to the outlying settlements around our town

This service is offered at considerable cost to the pharmacy involved { Priceline } and I
have great concern that this service would cease if the pharmacy is put under more cost
pressure

The present pharmacies provide adequate competition and choice to our community
I do not believe a further pharmacy will benefit our town and am fearful that it would
lead to a reduction in service of low profit services

Thank you very much
With regards

[Redacted Signature]