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Submission to Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation

As a consumer I was extremely concerned to hear comments made in a news broadcast about the review and increasing competition in the pharmacy sector.

Pharmacy's and the provision of medications required to treat medical conditions, that are prescribed by a medical practitioner, should **not** be subject of competition.

The price needs to be the same across the board.

I heard a comment that people can "shop around". What a load of rubbish. This is a common phrase in the retail sector but it should not apply to the provision of pharmaceuticals.

Sick people do not need the added pressure of having to worry about the price of a medicine and chasing the best price all over town. The concept is ludicrous to the extreme. We are talking about medicines, a totally different product to a box of cereal that is sustenance.

The price of any medicine that is not a vitamin or mineral supplement should be fixed.

Pharmacy's can "compete" in other ways with the other non medicinal products they carry.

Pharmaceutical manufacturers need to stop holding us all to ransom and prices need to be bought down to a more reasonable level and the prices fixed across the board.

That people are having to go without medicine, myself included, because of financial constraints is totally inappropriate.

I don't have time to read the entire document relevant to this review so this may not be relevant - but I also say this - get medicines out of supermarkets.

Unless supermarkets have a pharmacy in the store as they do in North America they should not be selling medicines.

I have particular concern about the far too available product Claratyne sitting on a supermarket shelf available to anyone who wants a high.

The product should be withdrawn but the TGA thinks it is appropriate supermarkets have this dangerous mind altering drug available in supermarkets.

I don't. It is deadly to some.



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