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Dear Minister Dick

AMA Queensland is writing to express concern around the recent decision handed down in *Thomas and Naaz Pty Ltd v NSW Chief Commissioner of State Revenue*, relating to interpretation of payroll taxes in medical practices. It appears that this interpretation has now been applied by the Queensland Office of State Revenue. This has raised concerns among our general practitioners that their administrative service entities have payroll tax exposures.

AMA Queensland urgently requests the following:

1. Suspend the actions of the Office of State Revenue against medical practices across Queensland;
2. Work with AMA Queensland to discuss how to best implement this new payroll tax interpretation;
3. Provide clear advice to general practices regarding the implementation process of this new payroll tax interpretation. With this, AMA Queensland also seeks that retrospective application of this new payroll tax interpretation be removed.
4. We note that Queensland Hospital and Health Services are exempt employers from payroll tax. AMA Queensland would like to see this extended to all medical centres.

General practices in Queensland have been working tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and require more time to understand what this new interpretation means for their practice. The consequence of this decision is likely to lead to medical practices closing and the costs of medical services increasing so that these practices remain viable.

We would be happy to discuss this in more detail with you.

Yours sincerely

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Prof Chris Perry
President
AMA Queensland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Dale'.

Dr Brett Dale
Chief Executive Officer
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