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Dear Mr Drummond

Subject: Queensland Health response to AMA Queensland correspondence and invitation to participate in North Queensland Pilot panels

We seek Queensland Health's response to our correspondence of 3 November 2022 regarding the *North Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot – Pilot Services* document.

To date, AMA Queensland has not received a reply from Queensland Health to our letter or paper which identify concerns with the proposed North Queensland Scope of Practice Pilot (NQ Pilot), including inherent threats to the health and safety of Queenslanders. We are also yet to receive a response to our correspondence concerning the NQ Pilot's predecessor, the Urinary Tract Infection Pharmacy Pilot – Queensland, sent 12 September 2022.

Most recently, the Deputy Director-General of Clinical Excellence Queensland, Dr Helen Brown, has invited AMA Queensland to nominate two (2) representatives to participate in panels to review draft clinical practice guidelines and protocols for the NQ Pilot. Given the concerns doctors have expressed with the NQ Pilot and state-wide implementation of the UTIPP-Q, and the absence of a response from Queensland Health, we currently are unable to nominate AMA Queensland members to participate on the panel.

As such, we ask Queensland Health to urgently provide a response to our correspondence of 3 November 2022 and 12 September 2022 so that we may consider nominations for the above panel.

As stated previously, we are happy to meet with you to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Maria Boulton
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