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Subject: Invitation to participate in NQ Pilot quality and safety framework workshop

Dear Catherine

Thank you for your letter of 18 July 2023 inviting AMA Queensland to nominate representatives to participate in a workshop on the quality and safety framework for the North Queensland Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot (the 'NQ Pilot'). We note the invitation is conditional upon representatives signing a confidentiality declaration.

Importantly, AMA Queensland continues to hold serious concerns about patient safety under the NQ Pilot and its predecessor, the Urinary Tract Infection Pharmacy Pilot – Queensland (the 'UTIPPQ'). As you are aware, we have written to Queensland Health on multiple occasions raising these matters.

Additionally, we consider it unreasonable that participation in the latest iteration of planning for the NQ Pilot is predicated on participants signing a confidentiality declaration. It raises questions about the Government's adherence to principles of accountability and transparency and indicates an absence of good faith in sector consultation.

Due to these ongoing concerns, the AMA Queensland Council decided at its 28 July 2023 meeting that the requirement to sign a confidentiality agreement must be removed before any representatives can be nominated.

If required, we would welcome an opportunity to meet with you to discuss these issues further in an effort to reach a sensible outcome that ensures the safety of all Queensland patients.

Yours sincerely



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