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Barr Government's new Tax on GPs and Patients



You may have heard about the ACT Government's decision to impose a new payroll tax on GPs. Although payroll tax has applied to General Practices for many years, it has only applied to employees.

A recent legal case in NSW extended the operation of payroll tax to contractor GPs and now the ACT Government has decided that the tax will apply in Canberra.

What will this mean for patients?

Many general practices in Canberra are struggling already and their ongoing viability will be threatened by this new tax.

- We don't want to close our doors
- We don't want to reduce the quality of our care
- We don't want to reduce the number of our nurses

This leaves us with little choice but to pass the cost of the new payroll tax onto patients

We know you

We know your family

We want to keep giving your vaccinations

We want to keep managing your complex wounds

We want to keep managing your skin cancers

We want to manage your mental health

We want to keep you out of hospital

We want to keep our doors open.

What will you do if your GP has to shut the door tomorrow?

Do you want to have the choice of seeing your GP or attending the emergency department?

Please write to your local member and let them know:

- You want your GP to stay open and keep delivering care for local Canberrans
- The new patient tax is unfair and GPs will have little option to but to pass it on
- GPs and their patients deserve an exemption from the new patient tax.



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