

# Summary IAS

## Details

<b>Lead department</b>	Queensland Health
<b>Name of the proposal</b>	<i>Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023</i>
<b>Submission type</b> (Summary IAS / Consultation IAS / Decision IAS)	Summary IAS
<b>Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument</b>	<i>Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023</i>
<b>Date of issue</b>	November 2023

Proposal type	Details
<b>Proposal is exempted from RIA by Cabinet</b>	<p>The Pharmacy Business Ownership Bill 2023 will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• retain current requirements that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ restrict the ownership of, and holding of interests in, pharmacy businesses primarily to pharmacists and pharmacist-controlled corporations (with exceptions for particular friendly societies and Mater Misericordiae Limited); and</li> <li>○ limit the number of pharmacy businesses that may be owned by a person or entity;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• establish a regulatory council as a statutory body and transfer regulatory functions relating to pharmacy business ownership from Queensland Health to the regulatory council;</li> <li>• establish a licensing framework for owners of pharmacy businesses;</li> <li>• provide that it is an offence for a third party to do an activity which amounts to inappropriate control over the pharmacy business relating to medicine or public health services, and make void contractual clauses allowing for such control;</li> <li>• prohibit the council from issuing a licence to a pharmacy business owner if the pharmacy business is in a supermarket;</li> <li>• modernise existing provisions relating to the functions and powers of inspectors, legal proceedings, delegations and protections from civil liability for particular officers;</li> <li>• allow information sharing in limited and appropriate circumstances; and</li> <li>• confirm regulations may be made about fees, recordkeeping and pharmacy premise standards.</li> </ul> <p>Cabinet has exempted this proposal from regulatory impact access requirements under the <i>Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i>.</p>

\*Refer to [The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy](#) for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).



---

**Signed**

[Michael Walsh  
A/Director-General, Queensland Health

[Shannon Fentiman MP  
Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance  
Services and Minister for Women

Date: 23 November 2023]

Date: 25 November 2023]

