

[Redacted]

Sent:

Thursday, 2 September 2021 5:41 PM

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Issues Paper and questions.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia would like to highlight the regulations around the sale and supply of medicines for your consideration.

The pharmacy industry is highly regulated to ensure quality and safe use of medicines and to protect the public in this regard. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is responsible for regulating the import, supply, manufacture, export and advertising of therapeutic goods. Medicines classification into schedules (including how medicines are stored, sold and supplied) is regulated by the TGA through the Poisons Standard (SUSMP) for inclusion in relevant legislation and regulations in each state and territory.

We are aware that general online retail marketplaces sell medicines, often through third-party agreements with community pharmacies. The role of marketplaces selling medicines either directly or through third-party marketplaces should be considered in the context of existing regulation regarding safe, appropriate and quality use of medicines.

**The Pharmacy Guild of Australia
National Secretariat**

Level 2, 15 National Circuit, Barton, ACT 2600 Australia
PO Box 310, Fyshwick, ACT 2609 Australia
Telephone: + 61 2 6270 1888 · Facsimile: + 61 2 6270 1800
Email: guild.nat@guild.org.au · Website: www.guild.org.au
Follow the Guild @ twitter.com/pharmquildaas or facebook.com/pharmacyquildofaustralia

Compass Assurance ISO9001 certified