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Hon Jay Weatherill MP
Premier of South Australia
Government of South Australia
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Dear Premier,

Boards and Committees: Interim Report

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) is the peak national professional pharmacy organisation representing Australia's 26,000 pharmacists working in all sectors and across all locations. On behalf of the SA/NT Branch Committee, the interim report on reform to government boards and committees was noted, and in principle, the recommendations are supported to improve efficiency and unnecessary duplication.

Nonetheless, the Society reinforces the need to retain the following entities in keeping with the recommendations of the report as a consequence of:

- the importance and unique nature of the work undertaken by the Pharmacy Regulation Authority of South Australia (PRASA) in the regulation of community pharmacies and ensuring that the conduct of pharmacies are in the public interest; and
- the significant contribution of the South Australian Controlled Substances Advisory Council in providing advice to the Minister on measures relating to the administration of the Controlled Substances Act 1984, and in working with health practitioners and law enforcement agencies in the operation of the Act.

If the Society is able to be of assistance in future deliberations as a part of your government's reform agenda, please contact me at the PSA Office.

Regards,

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