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MEDIA RELEASE

NAPSA Resignation from Pharmacist Coalition for Health Reform

Recent media from the Pharmacist Coalition for Health Reform was distributed without consultation with the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association, despite being a signatory to the Coalition.

The National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association does not support calls from the Pharmacist Coalition for Health Reform to support a Senate Enquiry into the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement.

NAPSA's position as a signatory on the Pharmacists Coalition for Health Reform has become non-tenable as a result of assumptions by the Coalition that NAPSA's members would agree to any course of action without prior consultation.

NAPSA will not partake in activities which threaten to destabilise the continuity of medicines supply and provision of professional services to the Australian public via the Community Pharmacy Agreement.

The NAPSA National Council has voted that the Association resign from the Pharmacist Coalition for Health Reform, as NAPSA cannot endorse any organisation which does not support consultation with its membership.

The Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement has delivered, and will continue to deliver optimal health outcomes for all Australians.

NAPSA's members, comprising over 4000 pharmacy students Australia wide, wish to be part of community pharmacy in Australia as it stands. Pharmacy students wish to see the profession evolve, but not at the risk of destabilising the current model which continues to serve the Australian public and deliver health care outcomes via the community pharmacy network.

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