

Your address

Minister for Health and Ageing
The Hon. T. Plibersek MP
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Re: Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits to the community of Hackett, ACT

I am a member of the local community of Hackett. I understand that an application to establish a pharmacy at the local shopping precinct has not been approved as the nearest pharmacy at the Watson shopping centre is 150 metres inside the allowable minimum distance under the Pharmacy Location Rules.

I would like to make you aware that Hackett is the fifth most densely populated Statistical Local Area (SLA) in North Canberra and yet is the only SLA in North Canberra that has a neighbourhood centre which does not provide local access to the supply of pharmaceutical benefits.

I would also like to make you aware that there are many older residents of Hackett who lack of mobility and travelling to the Watson shopping centre for their pharmaceutical requirements is not a practical solution. There is no direct bus route from Hackett to the Watson shopping centre. Residents either have to travel to Watson via Dickson, or walk more than a kilometre from the nearest bus stop.

I therefore request that you exercise your discretionary powers under subsection 90A(2) of the *National Health Act 1953* to approve the pharmacy premises at 5/1-5 Hackett Place, Hackett, ACT.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Full name

Date