

## **Additional Comments by Coalition Senators**

1.1 Coalition Senators make the following additional comments on the interim report.

1.2 The Senate Select Committee on Red Tape's motivation in addressing the considerable regulatory burden of red tape has identified issues diminishing the safe and efficient supply of medicine.

1.3 These issues include the Pharmacy Rules affecting the access and supply of medicine, tax compliance burdens, issues surrounding the PBS remuneration processes, and outdated processes affecting the PBS Safety Net.

1.4 The committee also found issues with state ownership rules affecting community pharmacies in addition to issues arising as a consequence of highly varied medicine legislation between states.

1.5 Noting that this is an interim report, Coalition Senators will provide additional comments on these issues once the final report has been tabled.

**Senator James Paterson**

**Senator for Victoria**

**Senator Slade Brockman**

**Senator for Western Australia**

