

Dear Senator Fawcett,

Thank you for your questions today.

In follow-up, we would make the following points.

1. You raised the issue of different jurisdictions having different rules, and that is seen by some to be complex.
2. Our point is the current regulations are complex and confusing, and they are the result of the pursuit of blind uniformity.
3. Going forward with the challenges we face, we need to have the best of both. Harmony and flexibility.
4. We believe harmony can be achieved by a National Board of the Presidents of State and Territory Medical Boards, who can still give advice and agree on harmonious regulation.
5. The current system relies heavily on bureaucratic advisers "tailoring" solutions for overworked state ministers. I could go into far more detail.
6. Multiple inquiries show that the current system is not working effectively, and more of the same will not help.
7. In my personal opinion, we no longer have the luxury of large bureaucracies that are not fit for purpose to be able to respond to national emergencies.
8. The stultifying grip of unnecessary bureaucracy and complexity, and commitment to blind uniformity for uniformity's sake at the expense of speed and effective response, are what we are concerned about, in the national interest going forward, as well as for the personal welfare of patients and doctors.

Happy to talk further at any time.

Warm regards,

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