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Dear Members of the Joint Select Committee,

I am writing to call on the Tasmanian government to appoint an independent anti-corruption commission to address the allegations of corruption and ethical misconduct in Tasmania.

As a pharmacist, I am registered, supervised and monitored by the independent Pharmacy Board. Their role is to protect the public and their board consists of both pharmacists and persons who are not pharmacists.

I find it amazing that the politicians of this State are not bound by similar rules, particularly as independent commissions already exist in NSW, Queensland and Western Australia.

I am not saying that our politicians are all untrustworthy and need pulling into line. The pharmacy board exists not because people do not trust pharmacists. In fact, it is the opposite, we are one of the most respected positions in the community. The board simply cements this position. Can you say the same about politicians?

At the end of the day, we the public need to have faith in our politicians. They are in Parliament for 4 years and should be held accountable during this time not just at election time.

This is not about a witch hunt, it is about accountability.

Yours sincerely,

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