



23 July 2015

Ms Susan Cardell
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
PO Box 6021 Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Cardell,

Re: Review of Australian National Audit Office Report No. 25 (2014-15)

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry into Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) Report No.25 (2014-15), *Administration of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement*.

PSA is the peak national professional pharmacy organisation representing Australia's pharmacists working in all sectors and locations. There are over 28,000 registered pharmacists in Australia, of which approximately 80 per cent work in the community sector.

As PSA provided a comprehensive submission to the Audit Office in 2013, our response to the inquiry aims to address identified shortcomings in the administration of the Agreement at the development and implementation phase, given that the negotiation phase for the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA) has been completed.

In the attached logic model, we set out a number of measures to address the issues identified in the previous Agreement; the first of which is to establish an overarching governance group for the 6CPA, including representatives from the Department of Health, the Pharmacy Guild, the PSA and a consumer organisation.

We would be happy to provide further detail on this proposed approach if requested.

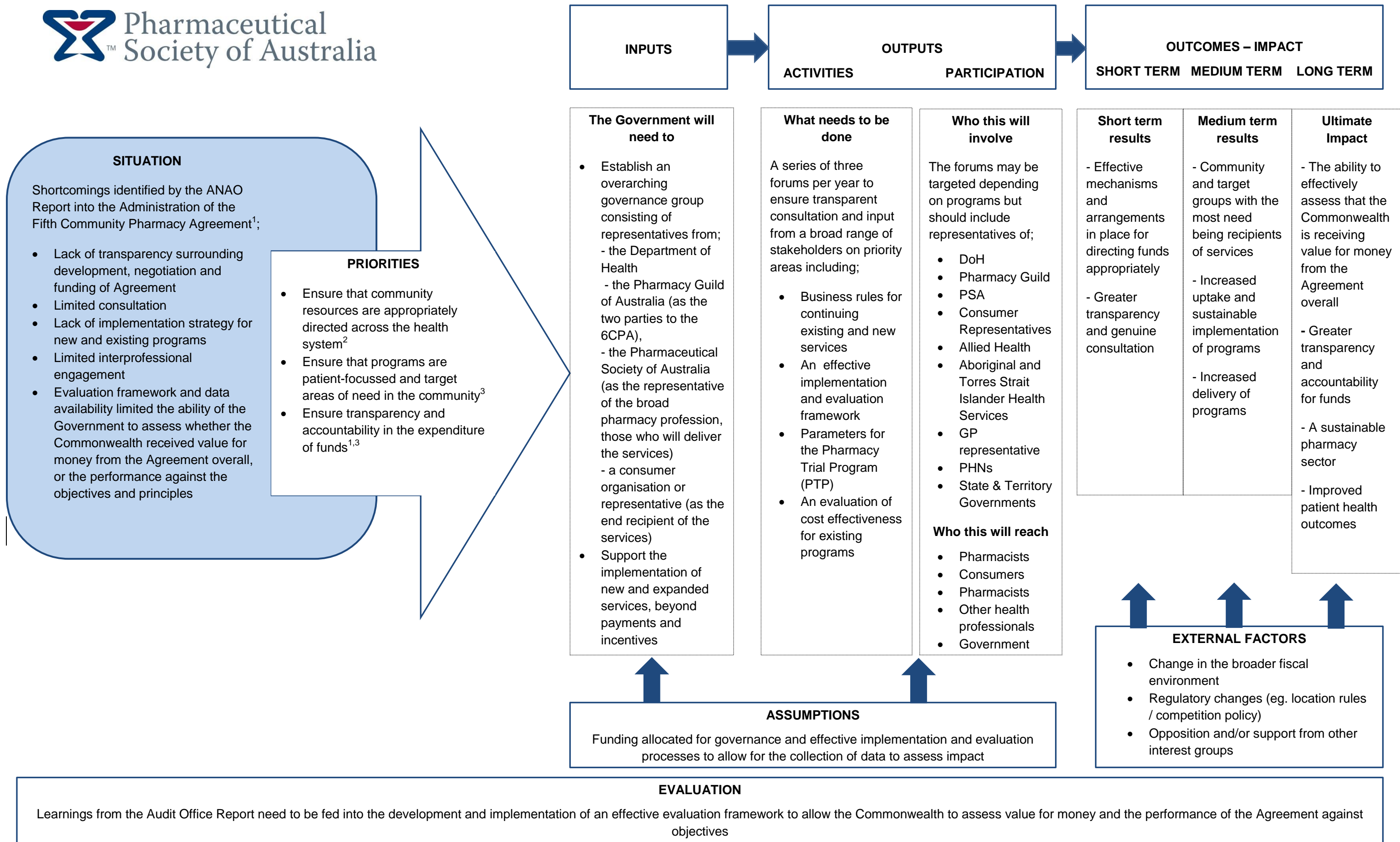
Sincerely,



Dr. Lance Emerson

Chief Executive Officer

ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMUNITY PHARMACY AGREEMENT – LOGIC MODEL



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