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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to Petition number 3862-23 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 18 April 2023 relating to the payroll tax treatment of payments to contracted general practitioners (GPs).

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the importance of a strong health system and is committed to ensuring Queenslanders have access to essential health services and high-quality healthcare infrastructure.

Under the *Payroll Tax Act 1971*, payments made to contractors are subject to payroll tax, unless an exemption applies. The contractor provisions in their current form have been in place since 2008 and apply in all states and territories, except Western Australia. I have been advised the Queensland Revenue Office (QRO) has not changed how it administers these provisions in relation to medical practices since 2008.

As the petitioners may be aware, to support medical practices to come into compliance with their payroll tax obligations, the Palaszczuk Government has announced a payroll tax amnesty on payments made to contracted GPs until 30 June 2025.

The amnesty provides medical practices who are not currently complying with their payroll tax obligations, or have been subject to audit activity, in relation to payments made to contracted GPs with sufficient time to review their arrangements, seek advice, and implement necessary changes to ensure future compliance with their payroll tax obligations.

Queensland is currently the only state or territory providing such relief for medical practices.

Further, I can assure the petitioners that QRO continues to work with medical industry bodies to assist their members in understanding the amnesty and has published a Public Ruling which clarifies how the contractor provisions apply to medical practices.

I thank the petitioners for taking the time to raise their concerns and trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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