

Dear

RE: New application of payroll tax liabilities on contractor GPs

I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration regarding the recent interpretation of payroll tax on independently contracted General Practitioners (tenant GPs). This decision has far-reaching implications for the healthcare industry and threatens the sustainability of medical practices like mine. I implore you to take **immediate action** to reconsider this decision for the sake of our patients and the state's healthcare system.

I am an independent contractor General Practitioner (GP) working out of  
medical practice in . Our practice serves as a crucial healthcare hub for the local community,  
treating approximately patients a day. In addition to primary care, we provide essential services such as  
  
that contribute significantly to the overall health and  
wellbeing of our residents.

As a dedicated and experienced GP serving our community, I am committed to providing quality healthcare to my patients. However, the threat of a retrospective collection of payroll tax for tenant GPs puts an undue and unreasonable financial burden on all practice owners and tenant GPs like me. **The potential increase in taxes and associated costs will force us to make difficult decisions - including raising patient fees or, worse yet, closing the practice due to insolvency.**

The ripple effect of these actions will have severe consequences for the state's hospital systems. If practices close, patients will have no option but to attend already overrun hospital emergency departments, **leading to an overwhelming influx of patients seeking care at state hospitals.** This will undoubtedly burden the already strained healthcare system, resulting in increased patient loads, longer wait times, and a rise in ambulance ramping—a situation we all want to avoid.

I am urging you to raise this matter with the State Premier, Treasurer, and Health Minister and ask them to respond by committing to no retrospective application of payroll tax for tenant GPs.

- Recognise the importance of tenant GPs in providing essential healthcare services to local communities and commit to supporting their sustainability by committing to not seeking retrospective taxation payments.
- Introduce a 3-year amnesty for the collection of payroll tax on contractor GPs to alleviate the financial strain on practices and ensure their continued operation while the federal government undertakes primary care funding reforms.
- Prevent clinic closures that would overload state hospitals, leading to increased wait times and ambulance ramping.

You must consider the devastating repercussions and toll the application of payroll tax will take on patients, medical practitioners, and the state's healthcare infrastructure. **By revisiting the interpretation of payroll tax on tenant GPs, we can prevent the closure of clinics, reduce patient load on hospitals, and ensure that quality healthcare remains accessible to the community.**

I request your urgent attention to this matter and kindly ask for your support in addressing this critical issue and take the necessary steps to rectify the situation promptly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,