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Name

Position

Parliament House

SYDNEY NSW 2000

Email

Dear xxxx

Re: Payroll tax

I am writing to request your support in calling for a payroll tax exemption for medical practices.

I am the owner of [name of general practice] in [name of electorate]. There are [X] doctors working at this practice and these doctors provide healthcare to [X] patients each year.

Revenue NSW has confirmed that it will broaden its application of existing payroll tax laws to encompass medical practices operating under the 'service entity' model. The wider application of payroll tax will threaten the financial viability of my general practice.

As a result, I will be forced to consider [closing my practice | increasing fees | whether to provide training to GP registrars.]

Successive governments have failed to index the Medicare schedule fees in line with the CPI and average weekly earnings. Practice costs have increased, while Medicare has not kept pace.

Healthcare professionals have worked tirelessly and with little financial reward to assist the NSW Government with the vaccination roll-out and to protect the health of the community throughout the pandemic.

In light these sacrifices, the decision to broaden the application of payroll tax is particularly disappointing.

Fewer doctors are choosing general practice as a specialty, in part because of the gap in remuneration. The GP shortage in NSW is particularly acute in rural and regional Australia. Payroll tax will exacerbate challenges to healthcare access if some practices are forced to close their doors.

I call on the State Government to intervene and legislate to exempt medical practices from payroll tax liability.

Yours sincerely