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Dear Secretary of the review

As a donor, I am concerned about the effects that deregulation may have on my plasma and blood donations.

I understand the need of CSL to monitor their cost-effectiveness to remain a global player and outsource processing to achieve this.

The two concerns that I have are:

1. The safety of Australian products fractionated or processed overseas.

What safeguards will ensure that Australian blood products are processed separately from those of other countries?

How will this be monitored and effected?

2. The continuation of Australian donations and use of Australian blood and plasma products.

Currently a small market exists for overseas plasma products to fill gaps in supply within the Australian market.

What process will be in place to keep this gap as small as possible, and reward Australian supply?

How will NBA/ARCBS/CSL ensure that it does not become too easy to "buy-in" rather than supply our own?

I raise these concerns as someone who has made more than 100 voluntary donations and want to ensure that my donations have the greatest possible impact on the recipients.

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