PETITION

To the Legislative Assembly of Victoria,

The Petition of Medical Scientists in Victoria draws to the attention of the House that continued cuts to healthcare by successive State governments has resulted in many public pathology laboratories being contracted out to private providers only interested in making profits.

We are very concerned that Victoria's public hospitals may be unable to maintain required world-class health care standards while pathology continues to be treated as a non-essential service with a race to the bottom attitude from private providers in public hospitals

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of Victoria

Place a moratorium on the contracting out of public pathology services and instigate a full investigation into the procurement practices in public hospitals with respect to pathology services.

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