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By email: Peter.Armitage@ashurst.com

Dear Mr Armitage

Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Limited (HCF) application for authorisation AA1000402 - interested party consultation

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 20 October 2017.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

20 October 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
30 October 2017	Public consultation process begins.
13 November 2017	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
November 2017	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
January/February 2017	Draft determination.
February 2017	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
March 2017	Final determination.

Public register exclusion request

The ACCC has considered your clients' request that redacted sections of the supporting submission, and certain attachments to the supporting submission, be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the supporting submission and attachments.

The ACCC has decided that the attachments and relevant parts of the supporting submission will not be placed on the public register.

I note that you also provided a public version of your clients' submission. This version will be placed on the public register in the form it was provided to the ACCC.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Hatfield', is placed over a yellow rectangular highlight.

David Hatfield
Director
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