

06 September 2018



Mr Luke Griffin
Assistant Director
Adjudications
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Dear Mr Griffin

Thank you for emailing through the details of the submissions made as part of the consultation process for the Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA) application for re-authorisation, under authorisation number AA1000427-1.

We would like to acknowledge the submissions made by the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and General Practice Registrars Australia (GPRA).

RDAA, in particular appreciates the GPRA support for the re-authorisation application and their willingness to collaborate with our organisation to address the issues encountered by GP registrars. The RDAA believes that for these junior doctors, there are unique elements to the negotiations, which would benefit from a collaborative approach between the two organisations.

RDAA has a strong history of working in collaboration with other organisations to achieve positive outcomes for rural doctors and the communities where they work and live. As this authorisation is seeking additional elements, once the authorisation is finalised, RDAA will then formally commence discussions with GPRA to progress the collaboration.

RDAA also acknowledges ACRRM's support of our application. With both organisations focus and priority very clearly directed towards improving the health services in rural and remote communities, there is strong alignment and collaboration in our work.

If you have any further questions in relation to our application or the submissions received please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 6239 7730 or via email ceo@rdaa.com.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Rutherford".

Peta Rutherford
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