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## OFFICIAL

Dear Debbie

We wanted to draw your attention to the applications made by state and territory governments for authorisation to engage in certain conduct for the purpose of maximising hospital capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In each case, urgent interim authorisation has been granted. The public register provides links to the applications and the interim authorisation decisions.

State	Links
Victoria	<a href="#">Public register</a>
Queensland	<a href="#">Public register</a>
South Australia	<a href="#">Public register</a>
Norther Territory	<a href="#">Public register</a>

The purpose of this email is to seek your views on the substantive applications as a party that may be interested in the arrangements. In particular we are inviting submissions on what the likely public benefits and detriments of the conduct are.

Information about how to make a submission is available in the ACCC's [Guidelines For Authorisation of Conduct](#). It is expected that the ACCC will issue a draft determination in response to the applications in June/July of this year.

### *How to make a submission*

Please email your submission to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) with the subject 'AA1000491, AA1000493, AA1000498, and AA1000499 – Private Healthcare COVID-19 arrangements – submission'. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Emma Stiles or Sophie Matthiesson on the numbers provided below. We ask that submissions be provided by **Friday 8 May 2020**.

We recognise that the COVID-19 situation may be causing disruptions to your normal operations. For this reason, we are taking a flexible approach to receiving feedback on the conduct.

Your submissions will be placed on the ACCC's authorisations public register on the internet unless you have made a request (with reasons) for us to exclude part or all of the submission from the public register. (see [Guidelines for excluding confidential information from the public register](#) for more information on how to make a request and how we assess requests).

This email 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 Emma Stiles (02) 9102 4036, Sophie Matthiesson on (03 9910 9456) or by e-mail at [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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