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Dear Sir/Madam

**The Australian National University & Ors (GAMSAT Consortium) application for minor variation of Authorisations A91441, A91442 and A91443 – interested party consultation**

The Australia Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has received an application from GAMSAT Consortium for a minor variation of Authorisations A91441, A91442 and A91443. The ACCC invites you to comment on the application.

Authorisations A91441, A91442 and A91443 were granted by the ACCC on 19 November 2014 allowing GAMSAT Consortium to give effect to policies governing the admission and interviewing of applicants to study medicine at Consortium members' graduate-entry medical schools (the **Conduct**). The Authorisations were granted for ten years, expiring on 11 December 2024.

***Proposed minor variation to A91441, A91442 and A91443***

GAMSAT Consortium has applied for minor variation of the authorisations due to structural changes to the administration of the policies. The variation adds GAMSAT Consortium Limited, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, to the authorisation. This variation allows the incorporated entity to contract with Medical Deans for administrative support, rather than the university currently in charge of administering the Conduct.

Importantly, the ACCC notes the minor variation does not involve any changes to the policies or the decision-making bodies involved in the Conduct.

A full copy of the application for minor variation is available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

***The minor variation process***

After considering the application, any submissions received within the specified period, and any other information received, the ACCC will issue a written determination varying the authorisation or dismissing the application and give reasons for its decision. The determination will detail whether the variation applied for was, in the ACCC's view, minor and the nature of any change in the net benefits of the authorisation.

Unlike applications for authorisations, the ACCC does not issue a draft determination when considering a minor variation.

***Request for submissions***

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed variation.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to GAMSAT Consortium's application for minor variation, please do so by **19 May 2021**. If you wish to request an extension, please contact us on the details below as early as possible. Submissions after the due date (or after any extension granted) may not be taken into account.

Please email submissions to [exemptions@acc.gov.au](mailto:exemptions@acc.gov.au) with the subject 'A91441-A91443 – GAMSAT Consortium – Minor Variation – Submission'.

Your submission **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 Information from the Public Register for more information on how to make a request and how we assess requests](#)).

Yours sincerely



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