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Dear Sir/Madam

WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) application for authorisation AA1000577 – interested party consultation

On 14 September 2021, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received an application for authorisation from WAPHA. This letter is to invite you to comment. You are welcome to pass this letter on to others who may wish to make submissions.

WAPHA is seeking authorisation¹ under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)*. Authorisation would give it legal protection to negotiate and enter into contracts with Participating Primary Health Networks (**PHNs**) to provide support services relating to the use of the to-be-developed 'Primary Sense 2' data extraction tool by Participating PHNs as well as on-boarding GP Clinics in each PHN region to transition to its use, and provide associated management and support services.

WAPHA is seeking authorisation for 10 years. A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Interim authorisation

WAPHA has also requested interim authorisation to allow it to facilitate the joint funding and development of the data extraction tool prior to the ACCC's final determination in relation to the substantive application for authorisation.

Making a submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the application for authorisation. In making your submission, please provide information, evidence and views about the likely public benefits, effects on competition and any other public detriment that you consider will result from the proposed conduct.

Submissions in relation to interim authorisation should be provided by **5:00pm AEST on Monday 27 September 2021**. Extensions are not normally granted for submissions on interim authorisation.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the substantive application for authorisation, please do so by **5:00pm AEDT on Friday 15 October 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.

¹ For information about Authorisations, please see <https://www.accc.gov.au/business/exemptions/authorisation>

Please use the coversheet that accompanied this letter and email your submission to exemptions@acc.gov.au, with the subject 'AA1000577 – WAPHA – submission'. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Gemma Smith via the details at the end of this letter.

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](#)).

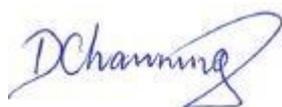
Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information, and an up to date version (including any changes) will be posted on the public register.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
14 September 2021	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
21 September 2021	Public consultation process begins.
27 September 2021	Closing date for submissions on interim authorisation.
October 2021	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
15 October 2021	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
29 October 2021	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
December 2021	Draft determination.
December 2021/January 2022	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
February/March 2022	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Gemma Smith on 03 9290 1405 or exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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