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By email

Dear Madam or Sir

Applications for authorisation – Private Healthcare COVID-19 Arrangements - draft determinations

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued draft determinations in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by the relevant public health authorities in each Australian State and Territory (listed in the table below).

Private Healthcare COVID-19 arrangements – Applications for authorisation

Authorisation No.	Jurisdiction	Applicant	Link
AA1000491	State of Victoria	Department of Health and Human Services	Link to Public Register
AA1000493	State of Queensland	Queensland Health	Link to Public Register
AA1000498	State of South Australia	Department for Health and Wellbeing	Link to Public Register
AA1000499	Northern Territory of Australia	Department of Health	Link to Public Register
AA1000505	State of Western Australia	Department for Health	Link to Public Register
AA1000506	State of Tasmania	Department of Health	Link to Public Register
AA1000507	State of New South Wales	Ministry of Health	Link to Public Register
AA1000513	Australian Capital Territory	ACT Health Directorate	Link to Public Register

For the reasons set out in its draft determinations, the ACCC proposes to grant conditional authorisation in relation to each of the applications until 30 September 2021.

Copies of the ACCC's draft determinations are attached to this letter and are available on the ACCC's authorisations public register. Links to the public register for each of the applications are included in the table above.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

Making a submission

If you wish to make a submission in response to any of the draft determinations listed above, please lodge your submission by **24 July 2020**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA number – Interested Party – submission". If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Emma Stiles via the details at the end of this letter.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-decision conference (should one be called - see below), and will then release a final determination in relation to the application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Optional pre-decision conference

In some cases the applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a pre-decision conference in relation to its draft determination. If a conference is called in relation to any of the draft determinations listed above it will be open to the applicant and interested parties to attend and make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **24 July 2020** by email to adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Timetable

The ACCC will continue to progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An updated indicative timetable for each of the applications for authorisation listed above is set out on the ACCC's authorisations public register (links provided above).

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 Emma Stiles on 02 9102 4036.

Yours sincerely



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