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Dear Sir/Madam

**The Reserve Bank Health Society Limited - Application for revocation of authorisation A91564 and substitution with authorisation AA1000559 - draft determination and interim authorisation**

The ACCC has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by the Reserve Bank Health Society Limited (**RBHS**) on 16 June 2021.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to re-authorise the RBHS's Conduct to allow Peoplecare Health Limited (**Peoplecare**) to continue to provide a range of administrative, operation and management under its Management Services Agreement.

The ACCC also granted interim authorisation for the Conduct to continue while the ACCC completes its assessment of the application for re-authorisation.

A copy of the ACCC's determination and summary of its reasons is available on the ACCC's [authorisation public register](#).

**Next steps**

The ACCC invites submissions on the draft determination.

Submissions are due by **30 August 2021** by email to [exemptions@acc.gov.au](mailto:exemptions@acc.gov.au) with the subject "AA10000559 – Reserve Bank Health Society – submission". The ACCC will consider any submissions received by this date in making its final decision about whether to re-authorise these arrangements.

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 predecision conference in relation to the draft determination. If a conference is called in this matter, 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 for the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **30 August 2021**. Any request for a conference should be emailed to [exemptions@acc.gov.au](mailto:exemptions@acc.gov.au).

We prefer to hold a conference in a way that enables attendees to attend in person. In the current circumstances, with the spread of COVID-19 and the need to significantly limit social contact, a face-to-face conference may not be possible. There may be options for the ACCC to hold a conference via webinar or teleconference. If you are considering requesting the ACCC hold a conference please contact us as early as possible to discuss the options for holding a conference before requesting one.

## Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An updated indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
16 June 2021	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
25 June 2021	Public consultation process begins.
16 July 2021	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
30 July 2021	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
16 August 2021	Draft determination.
30 August 2021	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
September 2021	Applicant responds to interested party submissions.
September 2021	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 Alex Cicchini on (03) 9910 9552 (or [alex.cicchini@acc.gov.au](mailto:alex.cicchini@acc.gov.au)) or Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255 (or [hannah.ransom@acc.gov.au](mailto:hannah.ransom@acc.gov.au)), or [exemptions@acc.gov.au](mailto:exemptions@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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