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To whom it may concern,

**RE: the National Pharmaceutical Services Association (the NPSA) application for authorisation AA1000480 - Final determination**

The ACCC has issued its final determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the NPSA on 27 March 2020. The NPSA sought authorisation on behalf of itself, its current and future members and Community Service Obligation Distributors to coordinate activities for the purpose of promoting continued and equitable access to medicines and pharmacy products during supply shortages that may arise from the COVID-19 pandemic.

A copy of the NPSA's application is available on the [ACCC's public register](#).

**Final determination**

A copy of the ACCC's final determination and summary of its reasons is attached. For the reasons set out in its final determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 30 September 2021. Authorisation is subject to conditions that allow the ACCC to monitor the authorised conduct.

A copy of the final determination is attached and available on the [ACCC's public register](#).

**Application for review**

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days after the date of this determination; that is, on or before 8 October 2020. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into effect on 9 October 2020.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal, please refer to the [Tribunal's website](#).

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please contact Simon Bell on 02 6243 1232 or by email [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Thank you and regards,

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