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Ms Susan Philp
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

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Dear Ms Philp,

I refer to recent discussions and provide the following clarification as requested:

1. AMA(NSW) has had discussions with certain Private Hospital Operators about the contracts offered to VMOs to undertake public patient work in their facilities. AMA(NSW) has also had discussions with the NSW Ministry of Health about the arrangements for those VMOs engaged by Local Health Districts and undertaking public patient work in private hospitals under the terms of their existing VMO contracts (as opposed to a contract with the Public Hospital Operator).
2. The proposal referred to in our letter of 20 May 2020 was a proposal made to the Ministry of Health about how public patient elective surgery might be managed assuming, as was thought at that time, that public hospitals would in the coming months be at capacity treating COVID-19 patients. The proposal did not constitute an offer to one or more Private Hospital Operators but was provided by way of background in an invitation to meet.

Please let me know if further clarification is required.

Yours sincerely,



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