

# MinterEllison

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Dear Mr Bell

### **Private Healthcare Australia (PHA) – application for authorisation AA1000487 – Fortnightly report to ACCC No 19**

1. We refer to our letter dated 1 March 2021 in which we provided fortnightly report no. 18 pursuant to condition 2 of the conditional authorisation granted to PHA by the Commission.
2. The purpose of this letter is to provide fortnightly report no. 19 which relates to the period from 1 March 2021 to 12 March 2021 and is set out in the **Annexure** to this letter and the **Attachment** to the Annexure.
3. The Annexure to this letter and the Attachment to the Annexure contain information that is confidential to PHA. This confidential information has been highlighted in the Annexure to this letter and in the Attachment to the Annexure in yellow highlighting. PHA requests that the ACCC treat the highlighted information as strictly confidential and that it be redacted from this document prior to publication on the ACCC's public register.

Please let us know if the ACCC has any questions.



Yours faithfully  
**MinterEllison**

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## Annexure 1 – Fortnightly Report to the ACCC No. 19

### 1. Report

- 1.1 This Fortnightly Report sets out the details of the following meeting that occurred during the period from 1 March 2021 to 12 March 2021:
- (a) Fortnightly CEO briefing on COVID-19.
- 1.2 The relevant details of this meeting set out below are the date of the meeting, attendees, agenda items that relate to the Proposed Conduct and a summary of the topics discussed that relate to the Proposed Conduct. The minutes of the meeting are set out as an Attachment to this report.

### 2. Fortnightly CEO briefing on COVID-19

2.1 *Date:* 1:00pm, 9 March 2021

2.2 *Attendees:*

- |     |                   |                                                |
|-----|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| (a) | Rachel David      | Chief Executive Officer, PHA                   |
| (b) | John Hill         | Chair, PHA                                     |
| (c) | Byron Gregory     | Health Partners Limited                        |
| (d) | Ian Whitehead     | Latrobe Health Services Limited                |
| (e) | Gerard Op De Coul | Mildura Health Fund                            |
| (f) | Rohan Mead        | Australian Unity Health Limited                |
| (g) | Camilla Milazzo   | PHA                                            |
| (h) | Ben Harris        | PHA                                            |
| (i) | Justin James      | HIF Pty Ltd                                    |
| (j) | Adam Stock        | HBF Health Limited                             |
| (k) | Simone Tregeagle  | Railway & Transport Health Fund                |
| (l) | Gerard Fogarty    | Defence Health Limited                         |
| (m) | Amanda Lean       | BUPA GI Pty Ltd                                |
| (n) | Greg Morris       | AIA Health Insurance (MO Health Pty Ltd)       |
| (o) | Donna Carrington  | HBF Health Limited                             |
| (p) | Brad Joyce        | Teachers Health Fund                           |
| (q) | Deng Gichuru      | Westfund Limited                               |
| (r) | Rob Seljak        | Queensland Teachers' Union Health Fund Limited |
| (s) | Sharon Waterhouse | Phoenix Health Fund Limited                    |
| (t) | Dario Molina      | CBHS Corporate Health Pty Ltd                  |
| (u) | Chris Carroll     | BUPA GI Pty Ltd                                |
| (v) | Jade Furness      | HBF Health Limited                             |
| (w) | Damien Mu         | AIA Health Insurance                           |
| (x) | Andrew Smith      | CBHS Health Fund Limited                       |

- (y) Sheena Jack The Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Ltd
- (z) Jennifer Eddy PHA
- (aa) Andrew Wilson Medibank Private Limited
- (bb) Mark Valena GMHBA Limited
- (cc) Mark Genovese Westfund Limited
- (dd) Paul Lupo St Lukes Health
- (ee) Steve Chugg CUA Health Limited

2.3 *Agenda items:*

- (a) General Update
- (b) Update from Ben Harris
- (c) Media Update

2.4 *Summary:*

- (a) Dr David advised the group that PHA is focusing on long and short term strategy, which includes a focus on consumer advocacy for all members.
- (b) Dr David also advised the group that PHA continues to work on the Prostheses reform, [REDACTED]
- (c) Dr David briefly discussed the vaccine roll out [REDACTED]
- (d) Mr Harris provided an update regarding Prostheses reform and second wave reforms.
- (e) Ms Eddy advised that messaging had been received regarding premium increases.

2.5 *Minutes:* the minutes of this meeting are in Attachment 1.

**3. Next Fortnightly Report**

- 3.1 PHA will submit the next fortnightly report pursuant to the conditional authorisation on Monday, **29 March 2021**.

## Attachment 1 – Fortnightly CEO briefing on COVID-19

### Fortnightly CEO briefing on COVID19 with Dr Rachel David, Private Healthcare Australia Ltd (PHA)

1pm, 9/3/2021

*Via teleconference*

#### Invitees

Rachel David	CEO, PHA
John Hill	Chair, PHA
Byron Gregory	Health Partners Limited
Ian Whitehead	Latrobe Health Services Limited
Gerard Op De Coul	Mildura Health Fund
Rohan Mead	Australian Unity Health Limited
Camilla Milazzo	PHA
Ben Harris	PHA
Justin James	HIF Health Limited
Adam Stock	HBF Health Limited
Simone Tregear	Railway & Transport Health Fund
Gerard Fogarty	Defence Health Limited
Amanda Lean	BUPA GI Pty Ltd
Greg Morris	AIA Health Insurance
Donna Carrington	HBF Health Limited
Brad Joyce	Teachers Health Fund
Deng Gichuru	Westfund Limited
Rob Seljak	Queensland Teachers' Union Health Fund Limited
Sharon Waterhouse	Phoenix Health Fund Limited
Dario Molina	CBHS Corporate Health Pty Ltd
Chris Carroll	BUPA GI Pty Ltd
Jade Furness	HBF Health Limited
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Andrew Smith	CBHS Health Fund Limited
Sheena Jack	The Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Ltd
Jen Eddy	PHA
Andrew Wilson	Medibank Private Limited
Mark Valena	GMHBA Limited
Mark Genovese	Westfund Limited
Paul Lupo	St Lukes Health
Steve Chugg	CUA Health Limited

#### Open

The Chair, Mr John Hill opened the meeting at 1pm.

Mr Hill noted that David Brajkovic from Australian Unity Health Limited, John Van Der Wielen from HBF Health Limited and Emily Amos from BUPA GI Pty Ltd were apologies.

#### General Update

Dr Rachel David provided a general update to the group and advised that PHA is focusing on long and short term strategy. Dr David advised that Private Healthcare Australia (**PHA**) will continue to focus on consumer advocacy for all members. PHA will undertake an advertising campaign to promote this message.

Dr David also informed the group that PHA continues to work on the Prostheses reform and has provided a detailed report on what this should look like come January 2022. [REDACTED]

Dr David briefly discussed the roll out of vaccine and suggested health funds contemplate the best approach to help members.

[REDACTED] Further information will be available following the debate being held on March 15.

Dr David also provided a brief update regarding:

- Type C Certificates;
- [REDACTED]; and
- [REDACTED]

### **Ben Harris**

Mr Ben Harris provided a brief update regarding the Prostheses reform and second wave reforms.

### **Media Update**

Ms Jennifer Eddy advised that messaging has been released regarding the premium increases.

**The meeting closed at 1:18pm.**