

26 July 2002

**The General Manager
Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
PO Box 1199
DICKSON ACT 2602**

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: TRADE PRACTICES ACT 1974
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION Nos A90811 & A90812
lodged by HEALTH PURCHASING VICTORIA**

I am writing on behalf of Eastern Health in support of the above application lodged by Health Purchasing Victoria for the awarding of tenders for the exclusive acquisition of temporary nursing staff from nursing agencies.

Eastern Health note and support the changes made on 9 April 2002 to reflect consistency with the DHS Directive on Nurse Agency Utilisation in relation to stipulating what health services would pay for services and the conditions under which agency nursing services may be used. Eastern Health have no further comments to make on previous submission submitted in December 2001.

Yours sincerely

**John Isaacs
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Eastern Health**