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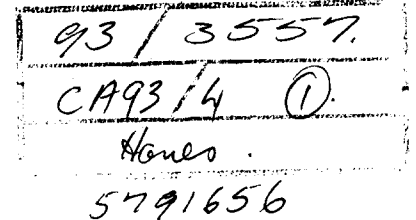
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JP O'Neill  
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Dear Sir

Trade Practices Act 1974  
Application for authorisation A90549  
The Proprietary Medicines Association of Australia Inc (PMAA)

I am replying to your letter addressed to the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists dated 9 March 1993. My reply is on behalf of the ASCEPT Council Clinical Working Party whose views I have canvassed concerning this submission.

The main problem the working party had with the submission as it stands is the way in which complaints get to the committee. It appears that all complaints go to the Executive Director who then decides whether to refer the matter onto the committee. We feel that all complaints should go to the committee in a manner similar to that of the Australian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association code for prescribed medications. It is of concern that the estimated number of annual referrals would only be one. The working party was also concerned that there were no consumers on the committee.

I apologise for the delay in responding and hope our comments can be considered by the Commission.

Yours sincerely

Ian Whyte  
 Convenor  
 ASCEPT Council Clinical Working Party

