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Dear Sir/Madam

A version of this letter, as well as a copy of the ACCC's draft determination and confidentiality guidelines, were sent to the attached list of interested parties. SC

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Application for revocation of authorisation A90954 and substitution of new authorisation A91011 lodged by Canberra After Hours Medical Locum Service

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has considered application for revocation of authorisation A90954 and substitution of new authorisation A91011 lodged by Canberra After Hours Medical Locum Service (CALMS). The application concerns the use of a revised capped fee structure by CALMS in its provision of after hours primary medical care in the Australian Capital Territory.

The ACCC has issued a draft determination (attached) proposing to grant authorisation until 30 June 2008.

A copy of the draft determination will be available on the ACCC's website at www.accc.gov.au (follow the public registers link to the authorisations public register).

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the applicant or any interested party who may be dissatisfied with the ACCC's draft determination may request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'. A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination.

Under the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, the ACCC must set a date within 14 days of which any pre-decision conference must be requested. Accordingly, if you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **close of business 19 October 2006**. Conferences are conducted informally, without the participation of legal or other professional advisers.

Alternatively, you are also invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Written submissions should be lodged by **close of business 27 October 2006** at the following address:

The General Manager
Adjudication Branch
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Submissions can also be lodged by e-mail to adjudication@acc.gov.au or by facsimile on (02) 6243 1211.

Any submission you make will be placed on the ACCC's public register. You may request that information you provide in a submission to the ACCC be excluded from the public register. Information excluded from the public register will still be considered by the ACCC when reaching its decision. Guidelines for claiming information be excluded from the public register are attached for your information.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-determination conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter or would like a copy of the draft determination sent to you, please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Clancy on (02) 6243 1217.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Gregson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Gregson
General Manager
Adjudication Branch

Application for revocation and substitution lodged by Canberra After Hours Locum Medical Service (A91011)

List of interested parties

1. ACT Ambulance Service
2. ACT Community Health
3. ACT Council of Social Services
4. ACT Division of General Practice Board
5. ACT Health
6. ACT Healthcare Complaints Commissioner
7. ACT Minister for Health
8. ACT Office for Ageing
9. Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care
10. Australian Divisions of General Practice Ltd
11. Australian Healthcare Association
12. Australian Medical Association
13. Australian Medical Council
14. Australian Mental Health Consumer Network
15. Calvary Hospital
16. Care Inc Financial Counselling Service
17. Carers ACT
18. Commonwealth Carelink
19. Department of Health and Ageing
20. Consumers' Health Forum of Australia Inc
21. Council on the Ageing (ACT)
22. Health Care Consumers' Association of the Act Inc
23. Health Link Team Canberra Hospital
24. HealthFirst Act Health
25. John James Memorial Hospital
26. Junction Youth Health Service
27. Medical Board of the ACT
28. Pharmacy Guild ACT
29. Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators
30. Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
31. The National Capital Private Hospital
32. Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service
33. Woden Senior Citizen's Group