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Mr Ian Watts
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Dear Mr Watts,

**Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) A91024 –
Application for revocation and substitution.**

I refer to the above mentioned application lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 13 December 2006.

Interim authorisation

The ACCC has considered the RACGP's request for interim authorisation. The ACCC has decided to grant interim authorisation to the parts of the substitute authorisation currently covered by authorisation A90795. That is, allowing certain GP practices to agree on fees. The ACCC considers that this will preserve the status quo while the substitute application is considered. Interim authorisation is granted subject to Conditions C1 and C2 of authorisation A90795.

The ACCC has denied the request for interim authorisation regarding hospital agreements. The ACCC considers it inappropriate to grant interim authorisation before this conduct has been adequately considered by the ACCC.

Interested party consultation

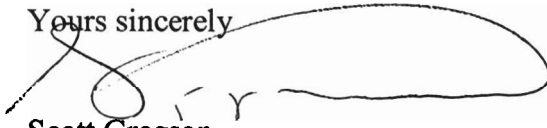
Please find **enclosed** a copy of the letter that the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process. The ACCC encourages you to forward this letter to your members for their information. A list of parties consulted is also **enclosed**.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can forward you a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.



This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please feel free to contact Sheridan de Kruiff on sheridan.dekruiff@acc.gov.au or on 02 6243 1236.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Gregson', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Scott Gregson
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