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Sent: Monday, 3 December 2007 12:30 PM
To: Adjudication
Subject: Submission re: Collective Bargaining notification CB00006 lodged by the Wangaratta Anaesthesia Group

Dear Ms Arnaud,

I write in regard to your recent correspondence concerning the Notification of Collective Bargaining by members of the Wangaratta Anaesthesia Group to negotiate with HBA in relation to anaesthesia fees.

The College sees it is crucial for the provision of safe and effective maternity services that patients and their obstetricians have timely access to on-call anaesthetic services. Increasingly, in non metropolitan areas, access to obstetric anaesthesia has become more and more difficult; indeed, a lack of rural anaesthetic services is seen as a recurrent issue contributing to decisions to close rural maternity units.

To the extent that collectively bargaining a better schedule of rebates improves access to these services and certainty of costs to patients, the College would not object to this application.

Kind regards,

Peter.

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