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Dear Mr Gregson

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

Your letters of 20 December 2006 and 3 January 2007 have been passed on to me for reply.

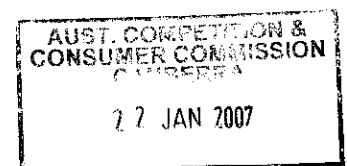
Queensland Health fully supports the RACGP's Application for authorisation of certain intra practice price setting arrangements.

Queensland Health regards this authorisation as appropriate as it is in the public interest to support general practitioner partnership structures in the primary health care industry. General practitioners are an essential part of the provision of health care in Australia without which the public hospital system would be grossly overburdened.

There are sufficient checks and balances within the health insurance system to ensure that general practitioners are not over servicing or engaged in inappropriate practices, without also requiring general practitioners to compete within their own partnership structures.

Yours sincerely

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