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12 October 2007

Dear Sir/Madam

**Collective bargaining notification CB00004 lodged by AMA Victoria
- draft objection notice**

I refer to the above collective bargaining notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) by AMA Victoria Pty Ltd on 17 September 2007.

The ACCC has considered the notification and has decided to issue a draft objection notice. The effect of the notice is that the protection afforded by the notification will not come into force unless the ACCC later decides not to issue a final objection notice. The reasons for the ACCC's decision are provided in the draft objection notice enclosed.

The draft objection notice will also be available from the ACCC's website www.accc.gov.au by following the *Public Registers* and *Authorisations and notifications* links.

The next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft objection notice, section 93A of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) provides that the notifying party or any interested party who may be dissatisfied with the ACCC's draft notice may request that a conference be held to discuss the draft notice.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a conference in relation to the draft notice, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **cob Monday, 29 October 2007**. Please note that the Act does not allow the ACCC to extend this deadline.

Alternatively, you are also invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft notice. Written submissions should be lodged by **cob Monday 29 October 2007** at the following address:

The General Manager
Adjudication Branch
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PO Box 1199
DICKSON ACT 2602

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

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a conference be called, in deciding whether or not to issue a final objection notice in relation to the notification.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register and website. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact Louise Hird on (03) 9290 1484 or via email at Louise.Hird@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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

² Scott Gregson
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Interested Parties
Rural Doctors Association of Australia
Rural Doctors Association of Victoria
Australian Rural and Remote Workforce
Rural Workforce Agency of Victoria
Australian General Practice Network
General Practice Divisions Victoria
Central West Gippsland Division of General Practice
National Rural Health Alliance
Australian healthcare Association
Australian Healthcare Reform Alliance
Australian Rural Health Education Network
Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing
Department of Human Services
Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (South Australian Department of Health)
Health Services Commissioner (Vic)
Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria
Australian Private Hospital Association
Victorian Hospitals' Industrial Association
Catholic Health Australia
Australian Consumer Association
Consumer Health Forum
Health Consumers of Rural and Remote Australia
Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
Royal Australasian College of Physicians
Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
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Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
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