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Dear

**Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgeons application for authorisation A91106  
- interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgeons (ACCS). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

The ACCS is seeking authorisation for its Code of Practice and parts of its Bylaws. The Code of Practice and relevant Bylaws contain advertising guidelines and guidelines for informed consent as well as processes for dealing with complaints under the Code of Practice.

A copy of the application for authorisation is attached.

**Request for submissions**

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the ACCS's application for authorisation, please do so by **5 December 2008**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact me on 03 9290 1475 to organise a suitable time.

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

## Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

<b>6 November 2008</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>14 November 2008</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>5 December 2008</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>Mid December 2008</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>January 2009</b>	Draft determination.
<b>January/February 2009</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>February/March 2009</b>	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 03 9290 1475.

Yours sincerely



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Director  
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## **Letter sent to below list of interested parties**

Australian Consumer Association  
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
Australian Medical Association (ACT)  
Australian Medical Association (NSW)  
Australian Medical Association (NT)  
Australian Medical Association (QLD)  
Australian Medical Association (SA)  
Australian Medical Association (TAS)  
Australian Medical Association (VIC)  
Australian Medical Association (WA)  
Department of Health (South Australia)  
Department of Health (Western Australia)  
Department of Health and Community Services (Northern Territory)  
Department of Health and Human Services (Tasmania)  
Health Complaints Commission Tasmania  
Office of the Health Services Commissioner  
Queensland Health  
Royal Australian College of General Practitioners  
ACT Health  
Australian General Practice Network  
Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association  
Catholic Health Australia  
Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing  
Consumer Health Forum  
Department of Health (New South Wales)  
Department of Human Services (Victoria)  
Royal Australasian College of Physicians  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
Consumer Action Law Centre  
Cosmetic Physicians Society of Australia  
New Zealand College of Appearance Medicine  
Skin Cancer Society of Australia  
Australasian College of Phlebology  
Australasian College of Dermatologists  
Medical Practitioner Board of Victoria  
New South Wales Medical Board  
Medical Board of Queensland  
Medical Board of South Australia  
Medical Board of Western Australia  
Medical Council of Tasmania  
Medical Board of the ACT  
Australian Medical Association  
Australian Medical Council  
Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons