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Dear Ms Arnaud

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 2007, regarding consultation on the application for authorisation A91078 lodged by the Rural Doctors Association of Australia Limited (RDAA). I appreciate the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inviting ACT Health to comment on this application.

The RDAA seeks authorisation to collectively negotiate with state or territory health departments the terms of contracts for visiting medical officers in rural areas. As the ACT does not have any hospitals that would be classed as rural, at this time ACT Health does not wish to comment upon the application, except to say very generally that ACT Health would support an authorisation that encouraged easier recruitment and retainment of the rural health workforce.

I would appreciate being kept informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. Future correspondence may be directed to Linda Trompf, a/g Executive Director, Policy Division. Ms Trompf can be contacted on 02 6205 0568 or at Linda.Trompf@act.gov.au.

Thank you for informing ACT Health of this application, and allowing the opportunity for comment. I look forward to future notifications on the progress of this application.

Yours sincerely

Ian Thompson
A/g Chief Executive

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