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Dear Sir/Madam

**Australian Dental Association Inc application for authorisation A91094 & A91095  
- interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from the Australian Dental Association Inc. 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 Australian Dental Association is seeking authorisation for possible price fixing conduct and exclusionary provisions with respect to shared practices in the dental profession.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website <[www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au)>. Alternatively, you can contact Ilona Balint on (02) 6243 1113 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

**Request for submission**

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 Australian Dental Association's application for authorisation, please do so by **15 August 2008**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Ilona Balint on (02) 6243 1113 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>18 July 2008</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>25 July 2008</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>15 August 2008</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>29 August 2008</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>September-October 2008</b>	Draft determination.
<b>October 2008</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>November 2008</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 Ilona Balint on (02) 6243 1113.

Yours sincerely



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<b>Interested parties</b>
ACT Department of Health
South Australian Dental Service
NSW Department of Health
Dept of Community & Health Services (Tas)
Territory Health Services
Dental Health Services, Victoria
Queensland Health
Perth Dental Hospital
Dental Board of New South Wales
Dental Board of The ACT
Dental Board of Queensland
Dental Board of Western Australia
Dental Board of South Australia
Dental Practice Board of Victoria
Dental Board of the Northern Territory
Dental Board of Tasmania
Department of Health and Ageing
Department of Human Services (Vic)
Department of Health (SA)
Australian Health Insurance Association
Choice
Consumers Health Forum
Catholic Health Australia
Private Health Insurance Administration Council
National Rural Health Alliance
Health Consumers of Rural and Remote Australia
Rural Health Workforce Australia
Office of the Health Services Commissioner
Health Complaints Commission Tasmania
Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons
Australian Dental Industry Association
Australian Council of Social Service
Public Health Association Australia
Consumer Action Law Centre
Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Workers