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Dear Sir/Madam

**Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery
application for authorisation A91106 – final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery (the College) on 6 November 2008.

The College sought authorisation for an agreement between its members in relation to the adoption of and giving effect to the College's Code of Practice.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation, subject to a number of conditions, for three years. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 6 of its determination.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 8 July 2009. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 9 July 2009.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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 John Rouw on 03 9290 1402.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GJ' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Gavin Jones
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Sent to attached list

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)
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SA Health
Department of Health (Western Australia)
Department of Health and Families
Department of Health and Human Services (Tasmania)
Health Complaints Commissioner, 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
Department of Health and Ageing
Consumer Health Forum
NSW Health
Choice
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
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