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Dear Kate

The ACCC has received the majority of expected submissions from interested parties concerning the Generic Medicines Industry Association's applications for authorisation of its Code of Practice 2nd edition. If any further submissions are received, they will be forwarded to you.

Submissions have been received from:

- ACT Health
- Australian Medical Association
- Medicines Australia
- Consumers Health Forum of Australia
- Pharmaceutical Society of Australia
- The Royal Australasian College of Physicians
- Dr Ken Harvey
- The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

The submissions received are available from the ACCC's website via the following link.
<http://www.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml?itemId=921644&display=submission>

We invite your response to the issues raised by interested parties. The areas the ACCC would specifically like further information around include:

- the healthcare professionals that member companies direct educational events to
- the role of general practitioners in prescribing generic medicines
- the role of pharmacists in dispensing generic medicines
- how the Code addresses:
 - non-compliance by affiliate members
 - actions that 'bring the generic medicines industry into disrepute' (clause 6.9.6)
 - the extent to which members must 'consider other relevant Codes' (clause 6.9.3)
 - ensuring the independence of members on the Code Complaints Committee.

If it would assist in preparing a response, ACCC staff would be happy to meet with you. It would be appreciated if you could please provide a written response by **31 May 2010**.

This email will be placed on the public register. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me (02) 6243 1351.

Regards
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