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Dear Dr Knudsen

**Authorisation A91106 submitted by Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery –
exclusion of material from the public register**

I refer to your letter of 8 July 2011 reporting the findings of periodic audit checks for member compliance with the ACCS Code of Practice pursuant to condition 6 of the ACCC's authorisation of the ACCS Code of Practice.

Appendix two of your letter provides details of websites of medical practitioners who are not members of the ACCS which you allege would likely be in breach of state and federal laws and guidelines.

As you may be aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that, where it is satisfied that it is desirable to do so for any reason other than the confidential nature of matters contained in a document, the ACCC may exclude from the public register a documents or parts of a document submitted in relation to an authorisation application.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such matters I have decided not to place appendix two of your letter on the public register because there is a risk that it could defame the individuals referred to in the appendix.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Gavin Jones on 03 9290 1475.

Yours sincerely



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