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Mr Graeme Sellar
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By email: Graeme@calms.net.au

Dear Mr Sellar

Canberra After-hours Locum Medical Service (CALMS Ltd) – Application for revocation of authorisation A91092 and substitution with A91276 – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for revocation and substitution of authorisation, lodged by Canberra After-hours Locum Medical Service (CALMS Ltd) on 23 September 2011.

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to revoke authorisation A91092 and grant authorisation A91276 in substitution, for CALMS Ltd to agree and set fee caps for the provision of after-hours primary medical care in the Australian Capital Territory. The ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 10 years.

The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter Four.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicants or any interested party may request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'. A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination, you must notify the ACCC in writing by **6 January 2012**.

Alternatively, you are invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Submissions should be lodged by **23 January 2012**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

Timetable

23 September 2011	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
28 September 2011	Public consultation process began.
16 December 2011	Draft determination.
6 January 2012	Due date to request a pre-decision conference.
23 January 2012	Public consultation on draft determination – submission due date.
March 2012	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please contact Marie Dalins on (03) 9290 1893 or John Rouw on (03) 9290 1402.

Yours sincerely



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