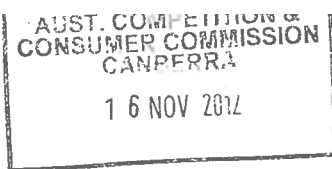


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Dear Dr Chadwick,

RE: Australian Dental Association applications for authorization (A91340 – A91341) – interested party consultation

Thank you for your correspondence dated 5 November 2012 inviting submission with respect to the Australian Dental Association (ADA) application for authorisation.

SA Dental Service is a health care division within the broader Central Adelaide Local Health Network. As the State public dental provider the role of the SA Dental Service is to work with the community to enable South Australians to achieve better oral health and wellbeing through: health promotion; timely dental treatment with a focus on prevention and early intervention; and support for dental education and research.

Having reviewed the documentation provided, SA Dental Service concludes there may be potential public benefit and that there is no apparent public detriment in granting an extension of the existing arrangements. These existing arrangements enable dentists and/or dental specialists who practice in a shared practice arrangement to agree on fees to be charged for dental services provided in their shared practice. On this basis SA Dental Service has no objection to the Australian Dental Association being granted a continuation of authorisation for its current and future members for a further five years.

Please contact me should you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

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