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Dear Ms Egan

## Australian Medical Association (NSW) application A91383 for re-authorisation of collective bargaining re VMOs – interested party consultation

I refer to the above mentioned application for re-authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 6 September 2013.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at <a href="www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister">www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister</a>>. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

## **Timetable**

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
6 September 2013	Lodgement of application and supporting submission, including request for interim authorisation

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
10 September 2013	Public consultation process begins.
24 September 2013	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
7 October 2013	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public
	consultation process.
October/November 2013	Draft determination.
October/November 2013	Public consultation on draft determination including
	any conference if called.
	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation, if
	required.
December 2013	Final determination.

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 me on 02 6243 1266, or at <a href="mailto:david.hatfield@accc.com.au">david.hatfield@accc.com.au</a>, or Gina D'Ettorre on 03 9290 1483 or at <a href="mailto:gina.dettorre@accc.gov.au">gina.dettorre@accc.gov.au</a>.

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