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By email

Dear Sir or Madam

Australian Society of Ophthalmologists application for authorisation A91360 - final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Australian Society of Ophthalmologists Ltd (ASO) on 26 February 2013.

The ASO sought authorisation for ASO members to reach agreements as to the fees to be charged for ophthalmic services within a shared practice.

A copy of the ACCC's determination, including a summary of its reasons, is available on the ACCC website at www.accc.gov.au. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to deny authorisation.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 10 October 2013. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 11 October 2013.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

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 contact Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Hatfield', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Hatfield
Director
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