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Dear Ms Davies

Draft Submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Thank you for your email on 9 July 2013 providing a copy of your draft submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) seeking to revoke and substitute Authorisation A91088. I am advised that Authorisation A91088, which provided for the Australia Medical Association (NSW) Limited (**AMA(NSW)**) to liaise with the NSW Ministry of Health and public health organisations in relation to visiting medical officers, is due to expire on 31 December 2013.

I am further advised that under Authorisation A91088 the AMA(NSW) has negotiated on numerous occasions with the Ministry of Health and various public health organisations in relation to matters relevant to the terms and conditions of visiting medical officer service contracts, particularly at a local level.

I am advised that the terms of the proposed authorisation are in the same form as Authorisation A91088 and seeks to maintain AMA(NSW)'s ability to collectively bargain with the NSW Ministry of Health and public health organisations regarding visiting medical officers and that it will not extend to collective boycotts.

I advise that the Ministry of Health has no objection or other comments on the draft submissions. I understand that following the lodging of the submission with the ACCC, the ACCC is likely to consult with the Ministry as an affected stakeholder. Should you wish to discuss the matter, please contact me on 02 9391 9650.

Yours sincerely

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