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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Rural Doctors Association of Australia application for re-authorisation A91376 - final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a final determination in respect of an application from the Rural Doctors Association of Australia Limited (**RDAA**) to revoke a previous authorisation and substitute it with a new authorisation (re-authorisation)

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC revokes authorisation A91078 and grants authorisation A91376 in substitution. The substitute authorisation is for the Rural Doctors Association of Australia and its constituent state associations to continue to collectively negotiate the terms of contracts for general practitioners or rural generalist visiting medical officers in rural areas, with:

- state and territory health departments
- the Country Health South Australia Local Hospital Network and
- the Western Australia Country Health Service Local Hospital Network

The ACCC grants re-authorisation for five years.

The ACCC does not extend authorisation to collective bargaining with Medicare Locals or to Local Hospital Networks in states and territories (other than Local Hospital Networks in South Australia and Western Australia).

### **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 **Wednesday, 21 November 2013**. If no application for a review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on **Wednesday, 21 November 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 Gina D'Ettorre on 03 9290 1483.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Hatfield', is positioned above the printed name.

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