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Dear Madam/Sir

Australian Medical Association application for authorisation A91334 – 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 Medical Association (AMA) on 11 September 2012.

Broadly, the AMA sought authorisation to allow all general practitioners (GPs) that practise in single practices with defined business structures to engage in:

- (a) intra-practice price setting;
- (b) collective bargaining by single practices in relation to engagement as Visiting Medical Officers to public hospitals; and
- (c) collective bargaining by single practices in relation to the provision of services to Medicare Locals.

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 has decided to grant authorisation for five years.

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 (the Tribunal) for a review of the determination. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before **14 March 2013**. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on **15 March 2013**.

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

For further information about the Tribunal's process to hear applications for review of ACCC determinations please refer to the Tribunal's website at 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 Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop on the left and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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