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Dear Mr Gallagher

**Authorisation submitted by Australian Society of Ophthalmologists –  
request for material to be excluded from the public register**

I refer to your submission regarding the above application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 26 February 2013.

I have considered your request that the 2011 Access Economics Report on the *Costs of Practice Study 2008 – 2009* (the **Report**) be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the Report will not be placed on the public register. The Report is excluded from the public register because it contains information that is likely to be commercially sensitive to the ASO and its members.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tuyen Tran on 02 6243 1208.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dr Richard Chadwick'.

Dr Richard Chadwick  
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