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Mr Kerry Gallagher
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By email: kerry@vgcs.com.au

Dear Mr Gallagher

**Australian Society of Ophthalmology application for authorisation (A91360)
- interested party consultation**

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

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the applications.

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

26 February 2013	Lodgement of applications and supporting submission.
8 March 2013	Public consultation process begins.
22 March 2013	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
5 April 2013	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
May/June 2013	Draft determination.

June 2013	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August 2013	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact Tuyen Tran on (02) 6243 1208 (or at tuyen.tran@accc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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