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Dear Sir/Madam

Australian Dental Association Inc. application authorisation A91340 – A91341 – 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 Dental Association Inc (ADA) on 29 October 2012.

The ADA sought authorisation to enable dental practitioners to reach agreements as to the fees to be charged for dental services provided within a shared practice where at least one party to the agreement is a member of the ADA.

A copy of the ACCC's determination and summary of its reasons is attached.

For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 18 April 2023.

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 17 April 2013. If no application for a review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 18 April 2013.

An application for a 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 Luke Griffin on 02 6243 1114.

Yours sincerely

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

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