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Sent via email

Dear Sir / Madam

The Australian National University and Others application for re-authorisation (A91441-A91443) – draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by The Australian National University and nine other universities (the 'GAMSAT Consortium') on 27 June 2014.

As you may recall, the GAMSAT Consortium is seeking re-authorisation for the Interview Policy and Preference Policy governing the admission and interviewing of applicants to study medicine at their graduate-entry medical schools.

Draft determination

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

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for ten years.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, including in relation to the proposed ten year duration of authorisation, please lodge your submission by **12 November 2014**.

Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91441-A91443 – The Australian National University and Ors – submission".

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **12 November 2014**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

If you require further information, please see the ACCC's publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Timetable

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
27 June 2014	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
9 July 2014	Public consultation process begins.
29 October 2014	Draft determination.
November 2014	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
November/December 2014	Final determination.

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 Ms Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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The Australian National University and Ors

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1. Australian Medical Students Association
2. Australian Institute of Medical Scientists
3. Australian Medical Council
4. Australian Medical Association
5. Australian Medical Association (NSW)
6. Australian Medical Association (ACT)
7. Australian Medical Association (NT)
8. Australian Medical Association (QLD)
9. Australian Medical Association (SA)
10. Australian Medical Association (TAS)
11. Australian Medical Association (VIC)
12. Australian Medical Association (WA)
13. Consumers Health Forum of Australia
14. Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges
15. Australian Government Department of Health
16. Department of Health (ACT)
17. Department of Health (New South Wales)
18. Department of Health (South Australia)
19. Department of Health (Queensland)
20. Department of Health (Western Australia)
21. Department of Health (Northern Territory)
22. Department of Health and Human Services (Tasmania)
23. Department of Health (Victoria)
24. Department of Education
25. Department of Education and Communities (NSW)
26. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (VIC)
27. Department of Education, Training and Employment (QLD)
28. Department of Education (NT)
29. Department of Education (TAS)
30. Department for Education and Child Development (SA)
31. ACT Government Education and Training
32. Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand
33. National Union of Students
34. Royal Australasian College of Physicians
35. Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
36. Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
37. Rural Doctors Association of Australia
38. Universities Australia
39. Sydney University Faculty of Medicine
40. University of Western Sydney School of Medicine
41. Edith Cowan University

42. Murdoch University
43. Mr Ross McLean
44. Dr Julian Pamegiani