

# ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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Dear Dr Philp,

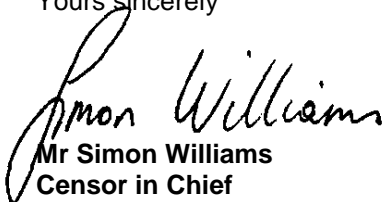
**A91441-101443 - The Australian National University and Others - submission**

With regard to the ACCC draft determination, in respect of the application for re-authorisation of the GAMSAT consortium Interview Policy and Preference Policy, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) recognises that GAMSAT provides candidates with a practical, efficient and flexible model for application to graduate entry medicine. The single online application described in the Preference Policy appears to maximise the efficiency of the process for the candidates while the Interview Policy builds in flexibility as the single application provides results that are directly comparable across the consortium through the six-tiered preference model.

RACS does not believe that the GAMSAT consortium is restrictive – members move in and out of the consortium and different medical schools place different emphasis on admissions criteria, including GAMSAT results. RACS agrees that competition occurs between the universities at the point where applicants select their preferences in their online application.

RACS is satisfied in the transparency of processes and with the appeals process and notes that course fees, whether determined by government or set by individual universities, are not under the purview of the GAMSAT Consortium

Yours sincerely

  
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