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Ms Marie Dalins  
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Dear Ms Dalins

**RE: APPLICATION FOR REVOCATION OF AUTHORISATION A91100 AND  
SUBSTITUTION OF NEW AUTHORISATION A91392 – INTERESTED PARTY  
CONSULTATION**

The Northern Territory Department of Health advises that the use of Rural Generalist Practitioners to provide services as Visiting Medical Officers (VMO) within our public hospitals and health facilities in rural or remote settings has not occurred to any real operational extent. If such services are required, it is more likely that a locum arrangement would be utilised.

As such, the Department is not in a position to provide comment on previous experience with the Australian Medical Association (AMA) under authorisation A91100. As further comment, the Department does not seek to object to AMA negotiating such VMO rates if the need arose.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback into this application as lodged by the AMA with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. If your office has any queries relating to this matter, please contact Danny Coombes, Senior Industrial Relations Consultant on 8922 7193 or email at [Danny.Coombes@nt.gov.au](mailto:Danny.Coombes@nt.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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