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Mr John Alati  
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**By email: [jalati@ama.com.au](mailto:jalati@ama.com.au)**

Dear Mr Alati

**Application for revocation of authorisation A91100 and substitution of new  
authorisation A91392 – final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a final determination in respect of an application from the Australian Medical Association Limited (**AMA**) to revoke a previous authorisation and substitute it with a new authorisation (re-authorisation).

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC revokes authorisation A91100 and grants authorisation A91392 in substitution. The substitute authorisation is for the AMA and its state and territory AMA organisations (except New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) to continue to collectively negotiate with relevant state and territory health departments, the terms of contracts for rural general practitioners providing services as Visiting Medical Officers in public hospitals and health facilities in rural and remote areas of Australia (except for NSW and the ACT) for ten years.

**Interim authorisation**

On 22 January 2014, the ACCC granted interim authorisation in respect of the application with effect from 1 March 2014.

Interim authorisation will remain in place until the date the ACCC's final determination comes into effect or until the ACCC decides to revoke interim authorisation.

### **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 for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before **Wednesday, 9 April 2014**. If no application for a review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on **Thursday, 10 April 2014**.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://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 Gina D'Ettorre on 03 9290 1483.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Richard Chadwick', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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