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Sent via email

Dear Sir/Madam

The Australian National University application for revocation of authorisations (A91144, A91145 and A91178) and substitution of new authorisations (A91441, A91442 and A91443) in relation to selection and interview processes for graduate-entry medical schools – initial consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) is currently conducting a consultation process on an application for re-authorisation (referred to as an application for revocation and substitution) received from The Australian National University on behalf of it and nine other universities on 27 June 2014.

The other universities are Monash University, University of Wollongong, Deakin University, The University of Western Australia, Griffith University, The University of Notre Dame Australia, The Flinders University of South Australia, The University of Queensland and The University of Melbourne.

The application for re-authorisation relates to an agreement between the universities to abide by the Interview Policy and Preference Policy (the 'Policies') governing the admission and interviewing of applicants to study medicine at their graduate-entry medical schools.

The ACCC previously granted authorisation to similar policies until 18 December 2014.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you, as a potentially interested party, to comment on the application. Please see the ACCC's online publication [Authorisation process - the basics](#) for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission to the ACCC.

A copy of the current application is attached and is also available on the ACCC's website www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

Further, the ACCC invites you to outline your general experience with the Policies during the term of the previous authorisation. The ACCC would also welcome your views on the public benefits and detriments you consider have actually resulted from the Policies during the previous authorisation period.

If you intend to provide a submission please do so by **31 July 2014**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91441 to A91443 – The Australian National University – submission."

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Ms Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477 to organise a suitable time.

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

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An 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.
31 July 2014	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
August 2014	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
September/October 2014	Draft determination.
September/October	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
November/December 2014	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the applications at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to, please provide a nominated contact email address for future **correspondence**.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the applications.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact Ms Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'R' followed by a long horizontal line.

Dr Richard Chadwick
General Manager
Adjudication Branch

The Australian National University and Ors

Application for authorisation to revoke authorisations A91144, A91145 & A91178 and substitute new authorisations (A91441-A91443) – initial consultation

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