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Sent via email

Dear Sir/Madam

Exclusive dealing notifications N98092 & N98093 lodged by Sydney Local Health District and Lifehouse Australia trading as Chris O'Brien Lifehouse – interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) is currently conducting a consultation process on exclusive dealing notifications received from Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) and Lifehouse Australia trading as Chris O'Brien Lifehouse (Lifehouse).

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

The notified conduct

SLHD and Lifehouse propose to offer the benefit of appointment as an anaesthetist at (respectively) the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPAH) and Lifehouse on condition that the anaesthetist also acquires the benefit of a conjoint appointment as an anaesthetist at the other organisation for the entire duration of the appointment and complies with the RPAH's Department of Anaesthesia's requirements concerning allocation of anaesthesia lists and on-call rosters.

A copy of the notifications and the supporting submissions provided by SLHD and Lifehouse are available on the ACCC's website <http://registers.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1184335/fromItemId/776499>.

Request for submissions

In order to assist the ACCC's consideration of the notifications, the ACCC is seeking submissions from interested parties about the public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, likely to result from the notified arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the notification, please do so by **11 March 2015**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "N98092 & N98093 – Sydney Local Health District & Lifehouse Australia – submission".

Submissions, including oral 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](#).

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

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 Georgina Brett on (03) 9658 6439 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Jones', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gavin Jones
Director
Adjudication Branch

**Sydney Local Health District and Lifehouse Australia trading as Chris O'Brien
Lifehouse – exclusive dealing notifications N98092 & N98093
List of interested parties – initial consultation**

Australian Medical Association (NSW) Limited

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists

Australian Society of Anaesthetists

NSW Health

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons