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To Whom it may concern

Australian Medical Association (NSW) Limited application for authorisation [A91590] interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from the Australian Medical Association (NSW) Limited (the Applicant). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

The Applicant is seeking authorisation to collectively negotiate on behalf of visiting medical officers in New South Wales with Healthscope Ltd regarding the terms and conditions (including remuneration) of visiting medical officer contracts at the Northern Beaches Hospital.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website www.acc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister. Alternatively, you can contact Gavin McNeill on 02 6243 1054 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

Request for submission

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. In particular the ACCC would appreciate your views on the following issues:

1. The extent to which a lack of collective bargaining would result in certain specialities deciding not to offer services at the Northern Beaches Hospital.
2. The impact of individual contract negotiation on costs and resource allocation.
3. The specific public benefits that would flow from allowing collective negotiation with Northern Beaches Hospital.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the Applicants application for authorisation, please do so by **1 September 2017**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject A91590 – Australian Medical Association (NSW) Ltd – submission'.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (see the guidelines for more information <https://www.acc.gov.au/publications/guidelines-for-excluding-information-from-the-public-register-for-authorisation-and-notification-processes>)

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information

14 July 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
10 August 2017	Public consultation process begins.
01 September 2017	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
September	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
September/October	Draft determination.
October/November	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
November/December	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 application 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 application.

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 Gavin McNeill on 02 6243 1054 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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