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Dear Mr Saunders,

**Submission - MTAA – AA1000479**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission regarding MTAA's Application for authorisation dated 17 April 2020.

The Australian Orthopaedic Association (AOA) is the peak professional body for orthopaedic surgeons in Australia. AOA provides high quality specialist education, training and continuing professional development. AOA is committed to ensuring the highest possible standard of orthopaedic care and is the leading authority in the provision of orthopaedic information to the community.

AOA understands that in MTAA's application AA1000479 was made in order to enable a coordinated strategy to ensure that the medical device industry can best meet Australia's medical equipment needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Industry groups have been formed which includes MTAA members and non-member companies together with Australian Government representatives. These stakeholders are cooperating to secure supply and also increase local production and manufacturing of ventilators, COVID 19 testing kits, PPE and other ancillary intensive care unit equipment.

AOA supports the ACCC in its' decision to grant MTAA an interim authorisation and also supports MTAA's proposed actions in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Kind regards,



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