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Dear Sir/ Madam

**The Medical Technology Association of Australia Limited's application for authorisation AA1000479**

MTPConnect is an independent, not-for-profit Growth Centre driving connectivity, innovation, productivity and competitiveness in Australia's medical technology, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals (MTP) sector. It forges stronger connections between research and industry to help maximise opportunities for Australians to not only make scientific and technological breakthroughs, but to see them developed through the proof-of-concept stage and successfully translated and commercialised.

MTPConnect is working closely with the MTP sector and government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes MTPConnect representation in the Federal Departments of Health and Industry Taskforce initiative.

MTPConnect is fully supportive of the application by the Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) for an authorisation to enable a coordinated strategy to ensure that Industry can best meet Australia's medical equipment needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MTAA's application is aimed at being able to secure adequate supply of medical equipment such as ventilators, testing kits, PPE and broader Intensive Care Unit equipment and supplies necessary for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. The exchange of information between industry and government has played a critical role in Australia's COVID-19 response. MTAA has coordinated with its members to identify sources of supply for medical equipment and to provide advice to government regarding constraints and/or obstacles to securing this supply. The industry groups are also playing an essential role in facilitating local manufacturing of these essential items in anticipation of ongoing disruption in global supply chains.

As the pandemic continues, and response demands and technological solutions evolve, it is imperative that industry can continue to play this role, in a manner sought by MTAA in its application, working with its members and businesses that supply or distribute relevant medical equipment who are not MTAA members, as well as future MTAA members and relevant non-members.

Australia has been effective in 'flattening the curve' and in doing so has provided the country the time needed to ensure that our healthcare system is well prepared should we be confronted with a second wave of COVID-19.

The interim authorisation has been essential in Australia's healthcare response to the COVID-19 pandemic and MTPConnect fully supports the MTAA application for authorisation to the ACCC.

If you have any questions regarding MTPConnect's submission, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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