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

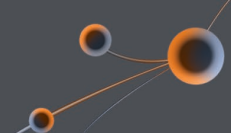
Dear Ms Dwyer

Research Australia is pleased to make this submission as an interested party in support of the above application. We are the national alliance representing the entire health and medical research pipeline, from the laboratory through to the patient and the marketplace.

These are not normal times; the supply chain for a range of medical devices and equipment has been broken by the COVID-19 pandemic and global demand for the supply of these items has led to significant shortages.

In response to a call from the Australian, State and Territory governments, Australian industry is pivoting to the onshore manufacture and supply of equipment that is normally imported. The urgency of the situation and the dire need for this equipment is driving an unprecedented level of cooperation as companies work to produce and share the various components needed to manufacture these desperately needed medical technology and supplies.

This cooperation is essential if the required medical technology and supplies are to be produced in a timely and efficient manner, and this the reason the Applicants have sought authorisation 'to make and give effect to arrangements, and to exchange information for the purpose of facilitating the supply of, and access to, medical technology and supplies, including ICU ventilators, COVID-19 testing kits and personal protective equipment'.



Research Australia believes this application is in the national interest and will support Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, currently the number one priority of all Australian governments. For this reason, Research Australia supports the application and urges the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission to approve the application.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or wish to discuss this submission further.

Yours sincerely



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