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Dear Interested Party

Australian Dental Association Inc application for revocation of authorisation AA1000638 and substitution of AA1000669 – interested party consultation

On 26 April 2024, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) received an application for authorisation from the Australian Dental Association Inc (**ADA**) (**revocation and substitution**). This letter is to invite you to comment. You are welcome to pass this letter on to others who may wish to make submissions.

The ADA is seeking authorisation¹ under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). Authorisation would give it legal protection from competition laws to continue to make and give effect to contracts, arrangements and understandings between 2 or more dental practitioners as to the fees to be charged for dental services provided within shared practices. The ADA is seeking authorisation for 5 years.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Making a submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the application for authorisation. In making your submission, please provide information, evidence and views about the likely public benefits, effects on competition and any other public detriment that you consider will result from the proposed conduct.

If you intend to provide a submission, please do so by **10 May 2024**. If you wish to request an extension, please contact us on the details below as early as possible. Submissions after the due date (or after any extension granted) may not be taken into account.

Submissions should be lodged via the web form accessible on the public register page for this matter. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Rebecca Ryan via the details at the end of this letter.

Your submission **will** be placed on the ACCC's [authorisations public register on the internet](#) unless you have made a request (with reasons) for us to exclude part or all of the submission from the public register. (see [Guidelines for Excluding Information from the Public Register for more information on how to make a request and how we assess requests](#)).

¹ For information about Authorisations, please see <https://www.acc.gov.au/business/exemptions/authorisation>

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information, and an up to date version (including any changes) will be posted on the public register.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
26 April 2024	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
1 May 2024	Public consultation process begins.
10 May 2024	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
June/July 2024	Draft determination.
July/August 2024	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
September 2024	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca Ryan on (02) 6243 1300 or exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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