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Dear Interested Party

### **The Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Limited – Application for re-authorisation AA1000639 – Supplementary information provided by the applicant**

As noted in our earlier correspondence dated 4 April 2023, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) received an application for revocation of authorisation AA1000402 and substitution of an authorisation (**re-authorisation**) from the Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Limited (**HCF**) on 23 March 2023.

On 11 May, 17 May and 9 August 2023, HCF submitted further information to supplement its application, which are **attached** and available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

This letter is to invite you to comment on the further information the ACCC has received. You are welcome to pass this letter on to others who may wish to make submissions.

In particular, the ACCC is seeking responses to the following:

1. Given the new information provided by HCF (including in relation to the disclosure of the 'relevant provisions of the MFT Agreements' and the counterfactuals), do you have a view on the likely public benefits or detriments resulting from the proposed conduct?
2. Is there further information which may assist the ACCC in assessing the public benefits and detriments of the proposed conduct?

### **Making a submission**

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the above questions. 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 on the questions above, please do so by **25 August 2023**.


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](#), 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 information on how to make a request and how we assess requests.

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](mailto:exemptions@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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