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Dear Prof Harper

Competition Policy Review – Response to Draft Report

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) is the national association representing manufacturers, exporters and suppliers of medical technology products in Australia. MTAA member companies supply the majority of surgically implanted prostheses in Australia's private healthcare sector.

MTAA welcomes the Competition Policy Review and has read with interest the Draft Report published in September 2014 (Draft Report).

MTAA notes, that on page 112 of the Draft Report, mention has been made of the supply of medical technology under regulated private health insurance arrangements. It is noted that the Competition Policy Review Panel (Panel) does not draw any conclusion or make any recommendation resulting from this observation.

The supply of medical technology and associated pricing is complex, involving many private and public stakeholders. It has been the subject of two government reviews in recent years, in which MTAA and its members have been heavily engaged. The ministerially endorsed recommendations of the 2009 Health Technology Assessment Review¹ have had a deliberative pathway to implementation and have now almost been fully actioned.

MTAA does not intend to make a detailed submission to the Panel at this stage, however should the Panel wish to reflect further on this matter, MTAA would be grateful for an opportunity to comment further.

Kind Regards,



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