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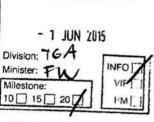
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Good afternoon

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The attached correspondence has been received by the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP, Minister for Industry and Science. However the issue(s) raised appear to fall within your department's portfolio.

It would be appreciated if you could review the correspondence and advise us by **3 June 2015** if the issue(s) fall within your department's portfolio responsibilities. Please note that we will not forward the hard copy to you unless requested to do so.

Regards

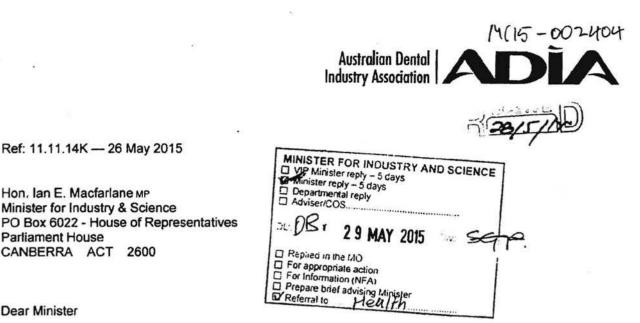
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Dear Minister

Parliament House

Ref: 11.11.14K - 26 May 2015

Minister for Industry & Science

Hon, Ian E. Macfarlane MP

CANBERRA ACT 2600

RE: TGA Regulatory Reform - Low value turnover scheme abolition

As the peak business organisation representing manufacturers and suppliers of dental products, the Australian Dental Industry Association (ADIA) seeks your assistance in securing an urgent review of proposed reforms to the charges levied by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Under the guise of red-tape reduction, the net impact is to increase by around thirty percent the charges paid by the dental industry to the TGA.

The TGA is the nation's regulator for medicines and medical devices which operates on a costrecovery basis. A considerable portion of the TGA's revenue is derived by businesses that pay to place entries on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG), a listing of medical devices that can be lawfully supplied in Australia.

Currently, the regulation allows a business to claim an exemption from certain TGA charges if the sale of products produces revenue that is fifteen times (or less) the TGA charge. The proposed reform eliminates the exemption the moment the product is sold. There are some associated reductions in business red-tape as a result of revised TGA's documentary requirements; however, any savings to businesses in the dental industry are entirely negated by higher TGA charges.

There is a degree of urgency as the changes are expected to be approved by the Federal Executive Council on Thursday, 28 May 2015, and commence on Wednesday, 1 July 2015.

Of significant concern is that the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) prepared by the TGA in support of the proposal omitted any reference to the higher fees that the dental industry will face. It was on the basis of the flawed RIS that the Assistant Minister for Health is understood to have accepted the need for reform.

The outcome of the regulatory reform spells bad news for jobs in the industry as the viability of businesses that sell dental products will come into question. Patient treatment options will also be limited as the higher TGA fees are likely to result in some products being withdrawn from the market.

Any assistance that you are able to provide in terms of drawing attention to this matter with a view to securing a proper analysis of the proposed reform is appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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