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Therapeutic Goods Administration
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Re: Consultation: TGA – Enhancing sanctions and penalties in the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*

Dear Commissioner,

The Australian Dental Association (ADA) thanks the Therapeutic Goods Administration for the opportunity to respond to this Consultation Paper (CP) on enhancing sanctions and penalties in the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* (the Act).

The ADA strongly supports the enhanced sanctions and penalties for serious or persistent breaches, the risk-based tiered approach to offences and penalties, and the widening of regulatory response options available under the Act proposed in the CP.

The ADA considers that these measures, including the proposed new powers to issue substantiation notices, injunctions and public warning notices, and the tightening of strict liability offence provisions, will better protect public health and safety and reduce non-compliance rates.

The ADA also supports the specific approach to amending the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* proposed in the CP, given that it will align the Act with regulatory provisions and penalty levels available to other comparable regulators such as the ACCC and ASIC.

Should you require further ADA comment on this CP, please contact [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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