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Dear Assistant Minister

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the Australian Dental Industry Association. No doubt other parliamentarians have forwarded similar letters to you for comment.

For my information, and so that I may respond to the Association, can you consider the matters raised in the letter and let me have your comments on them.

I have indicated to the Association I would be forwarding their letter to you but I also indicated that in any case, by the time I received the letter on 29th May 2015, the changes would have been implemented.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Ian Macdonald

29th May 2015

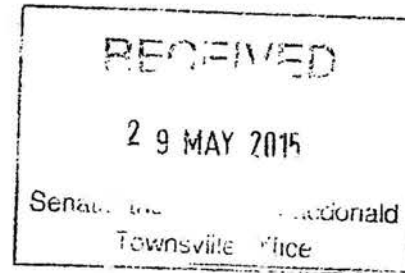
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Dear Senator

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 cost-recovery 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.

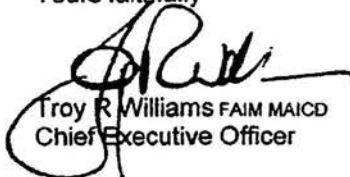
There is a degree of urgency as the changes are expected to be approved by the Federal Executive Council on Thursday, 28 May 2015, and commence on Wednesday, 1 July 2015.

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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