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Department of Health
Therapeutic Goods Administration

Re- Submission Consultation – Fees & Charges Proposal 2019/20

Dear TGA

Please find noted below our comments in regards to the Fees & Charges Proposal 2019-20 and how the ongoing increase in pricing will/could reduce the ability for a small businesses to operate and grow in the Australian market place.

Our business is in a growth faze for design and manufacture employing new team members to carry out this exciting new development for our business, any increase in ongoing costs is going to reduce our ability to keep the process in Australia. The very large increase in adding new devices last year has already impacted our business and consideration going forward on each line that needs to be added to the ARTG entries and the added costs will require a ongoing review to ensure we remain competitive against our internal and external competitors.

Ongoing unreasonable charge increases to recoup higher running costs at the TGA that are forced on to companies supporting this organisation are possibly very short sighted, our ongoing viability and developing of local design & manufacture for supply to the market are likely to reduce if costs continue to rise beyond what is seen as reasonable.

We are aware that costs do increase over time however the understanding that is required from the TGA is that the end user will bear the brunt of any rise and the opportunity to build good Australian owned business will diminish

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to give you a greater understanding of the difficulties as small business faces with the ongoing rise and rise of administration costs

Your Faithfully



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