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**RANZCO submission to consultation: Reforms to the generic medicine market authorisation process**

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) welcomes the opportunity to comment on consultation: Reforms to the generic medicine market authorisation process.

RANZCO's mission is to drive improvements in eye health care in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific Region through continuing exceptional training, education, research and advocacy. Underpinning all of the College's work is a commitment to best patient outcomes, providing contemporary education, training and continuing professional development, evidence-based decision making, collaboration and collegiality.

RANZCO supports increasing access to generic medicine. Increased access to generic medicines may improve access to ophthalmic medications. Greater access and transparency should reduce impact of shortages of medication and increase the alternative medicines available thus improving access to patients.

Should you require any clarification regarding this matter, please contact RANZCO Policy Officer, Stephanie Mulholland, at [smulholland@ranzco.edu](mailto:smulholland@ranzco.edu).

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