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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 21 March 2019 seeking views on whether the Therapeutic Goods Administration should disclose that a major application for a medicine has been accepted and evaluation commenced.

The Department of Health and Human Services supports the commitment of the Therapeutic Goods Administration to increasing transparency. Accordingly, the department supports proposal two to make information about medicines applications publicly available to enable better planning by clinicians and health services.

It is noted that the consultation raises issues about commercial sensitivities and the potential for discouraging some early generic applications. The department is cognisant of the need for Australians to be able to access high quality medicines at an affordable price and for innovative new medicines to be made available in a timely manner. Victoria requests that the implementation of processes with greater transparency are approached with a view to not discouraging early generic applications.

I trust this information has been of assistance and thank you again for taking the time to write to me about this important matter.

Yours sincerely

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