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Dr Chris Bourke MLA
Chair
Standing Committee on Health, Ageing,
Community and Social Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
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Dear Dr Bourke

Thank you for your letter of 19 August 2014 advising of an inquiry into the sourcing and supply of dental appliances and prostheses used by the dental profession in the ACT.

I have sought feedback from the ACT Dental Health Program in relation to the terms of reference for this Committee. The Dental Health Program supports the inquiry into dental appliances and prosthetics on the basis that all patients have a right to be fully informed in relation to the prosthetic being used and should be informed if the appliance is manufactured overseas. It is also felt that clinicians have the responsibility to ensure that advertising accurately reflects the use of overseas dental appliances and prosthetics and that any cost savings should be passed on to the consumer. ACT Health will not provide a submission and I will therefore decline your offer to appear before the Committee.

I look forward to the outcome of the inquiry and would welcome a copy of the subsequent report.

Yours sincerely

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Director-General
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