Notification Waiver Determination

Ochre Health – Newstead Medical and Kings Meadows Medical Centre, TAS

Acquisition	Ochre Health Pty Limited (**Ochre Health**) applied for a notification waiver in respect of its proposed acquisition of the business and all of the assets of Newstead Medical (including the co-located Urgent Care Centre) and Kings Meadows Medical Centre (**Newstead and Kings Meadows clinics**), as described in the transaction documents provided as part of the application (the **Acquisition**).
Determination	The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has determined under section 51ABV(1)(a) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) that the Acquisition is not required to be notified.
Date of determination	7 April 2026

Parties to the Acquisition	The acquirer, Ochre Health, supports independent doctors to provide general practice medical services in regional, rural and urban communities around Australia. Ochre Health currently operates 68 medical centres and urgent care clinics located in the ACT, NSW, Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria. Ochre Health Group's medical recruitment business, Ochre Recruitment, also works with hospitals and medical practices across Australia and NZ to source and place locum and permanent doctors across a range of specialities. Ochre Health is majority owned and controlled by Genesis Capital (**Genesis**), an Australian-based private equity firm that invests in businesses operating in the healthcare sector. The target, Newstead and Kings Meadows clinics, provide general practice medical services from their respective premises in Launceston, Tasmania. A private urgent care centre is co-located within the Newstead clinic for treatment of non-life-threatening urgent medical presentations. The Newstead and Kings Meadows clinics are currently owned and operated by general practitioners Andrew Fair, Daniel Kirk, Toby Gardner in partnership as the Newmed Group and the trustees of their family trusts in partnership as Newstead Health Nexus. Ochre Health and Newstead and Kings Meadows clinics supply general practice medical services in Tasmania, but Ochre Health currently does not operate any medical centres or urgent care clinics within 40km of Launceston, Tasmania.
Explanation for determination	In making this notification waiver determination, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has considered the information provided with the notification waiver application and had regard to the factors in section 51ABV(2)(b) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (the **Act**).

	Based on the information provided in the application, the ACCC considers that the Acquisition is unlikely to give rise to any material lessening of competition. In particular: a. there is no horizontal overlap between Ochre Health, Genesis and the Newstead and Kings Meadows clinics in the supply of general practice medical services near Launceston, Tasmania b. there are other clinics supplying general practice medical services near Launceston, Tasmania. The ACCC has also had regard to the likelihood that, if the Acquisition were put into effect, the notification thresholds determined under section 51ABP(1) of the Act would apply. While the ACCC considers that the notification thresholds are likely to be met, given that material competition concerns are unlikely to arise, the ACCC has determined that the Acquisition is not required to be notified. The ACCC considers that the determination is consistent with the object of the Act and the interests of consumers in promoting competition. For more information about the ACCC's approach to considering notification waiver applications and to assessing competition effects more generally, see the ACCC's interim guidance on notification waivers and merger assessment guidelines.

Determination made by Commissioner Williams pursuant to a delegation under section 25(1) of the Act