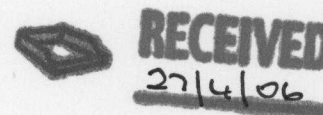


23 April 2006



The Secretary  
Review of Australia's Plasma Fractionation Arrangements  
Department of Health and Ageing  
GPO Box 9848  
MDP47  
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: Review of Australia's Plasma Fractionation Arrangements**

Thank you for inviting the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (the College) to provide a submission to this review.

Whilst noting that the focus of this review is to be on plasma donated on a voluntary basis, the College would like to affirm that it would not support the use of plasma provided through donations that have been paid for in any way.

The College considers that Australia should strive to be self sufficient in regard to the fractionation of plasma, in order to maintain the current high standards of products produced. Should there be times when self sufficiency is not feasible, it is imperative that safeguards are put in place to ensure these standards are preserved.

In addition to the need for quality standards be maintained, governments must emphasise equity of access so that patients in regional and remote areas are not penalised by jurisdictional differences in the delivery arrangements of individual manufacturers.

The College would like to register an interest in being kept informed of the review as it progresses.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr Tamsin Waterhouse".

Dr Tamsin Waterhouse  
**Deputy CEO**