A Conduct of the inquiry

In keeping with its standard practice, the Commission actively encouraged public participation in this inquiry.

* Following receipt of the terms of reference on 29 June 2012, the Commission placed notices in the press and on its website inviting public participation in the inquiry. Information about the inquiry was also circulated to people and organisations likely to have an interest in it.
* The Commission released an issues paper in August 2012 to assist inquiry participants with preparing their submissions. A total of 35 written submissions were received prior to the release of the draft report (table A.1).
* The draft report was released on 14 December 2012, and a further 17 submissions were received (denoted in table A.1 with the prefix ‘DR’). All submissions are available online at: www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/patents.
* As detailed in table A.2, the Commission met with a wide range of stakeholders.
* Public hearings were held in Melbourne in February 2013 (participants are listed in table A.3).

The Commission is grateful to all inquiry participants for their input.

Table A.1 Submissions**a**

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| Participant | Submission number |
| Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) | DR50 |
| Advisory Council on Intellectual Property | 35 |
| Alliance for Clean Technology Innovation | 9 |
| Alphapharm | 30, DR48, DR51 |
| Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes | 17 |
| Ausbiotech | 21, DR39 |
| Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network | 23 |
| Biotechnology Industry Organisation | 27 |
| Bouvier, Scott | 2# |
| Business SA | 20 |
| Cancer Voices Australia | DR44 |
| Centre for Law and Genetics | 3 |
| Civil Liberties Australia | 12 |
| Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) | 26, DR47 |
| Croplife | 6, DR42 |
| CSL | 5 |
| Department of Health and Ageing (Australian Government) | 22 |
| Dwyer Lawyers | 1, DR37 |
| FB Rice | 7 |
| Federal Court of Australia | 29 |
| Generic Medicines Industry Association | 34 |
| GM Holden Ltd | 19 |
| Health Forum of Australia | DR38 |
| Hoad, Richard | DR49 |
| Human Genetics Society of Australasia | DR40 |
| Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys and the Australian Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys | 18, DR41 |
| Janssen Cilag Pty Ltd | 28 |
| Law Council of Australia | 32 |
| Lawson, Dr Charles | DR36 |
| Medicines Australia | 10, DR43 |
| Moir, Dr Hazel | 31#, DR46 |
| National Coalition of Public Pathology | 25 |
| National Health and Medical Research Council | 33 |
| Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre | 14 |
| Pfizer Australia | 24 |
| Public Health Association of Australia | 4, DR52 |
| Rimmer, Dr Matthew | 11, 15 |
| Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia | 16# |
| Telstra Corporation Limited | 8 |
| The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research | 13 |
| Treloar, Peter | DR45 |
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a # indicates that the submission includes attachments.

Table A.2 Visits

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| Participant and location |
| **Canberra** |
| CropLife Australia |
| Department of Health and Ageing (Australian Government) |
| Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education  (Australian Government) |
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australian Government) |
| Ergas, Henry |
| IP Australia |
| Medicines Australia |
| The Treasury (Australian Government) |
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| **Melbourne** |
| Advisory Council on Intellectual Property |
| Alphapharm |
| Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (Australian Government) |
| Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) |
| Davies Collison Cave |
| Heath, Ian |
| Institute of Patent and Trademark Attorneys |
| Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia |
| Law Council of Australia |
| Licensing Executives Society of Australia and New Zealand |
| Melbourne Business School |
| Melbourne Law School |
| Middleton, Justice John |
| Review of Pharmaceutical Patents in Australia |
| Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research |
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| **Sydney** |
| Australian Law Reform Commission |
| Cancer Voices Australia |
| CSIRO |
| Westmead Hospital |
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Table A.3 Public Hearings

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| Individual or organisation |
| **Melbourne – 20 February 2013** |
| Public Health Association of Australia |
| Medicines Australia |
| Dr Matthew Rimmer |
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