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Therapeutic Goods Amendment - Inquiry into the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013

The Australian Orthopaedic Association (AOA) welcomes the opportunity to provide a response to the Therapeutic Goods Amendment from the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee.

AOA is the peak professional body for orthopaedic surgeons in Australia. AOA provides high quality specialist education, training and continuing professional development. AOA is committed to ensuring the highest possible standard of orthopaedic care and is the leading authority in the provision of orthopaedic information to the community.

AOA members have long provided a significant contribution to the Commonwealth regulatory processes that relate to hip, knee and shoulder arthroplasty devices. Our members have provided expert orthopaedic input on these devices through Therapeutic Goods Administration, the Prostheses and Devices Committee and its various Clinical Advisory Groups and Panels and the Medical Services Advisory Committee. AOA is well placed to provide feedback as to the effectiveness of current methods of reviewing the premarket orthopaedic prostheses assessment requirements and offer valuable input to the issues to be considered in this public consultative process.

AOA supports the Therapeutic Goods Amendments. AOA has no objections or cannot foresee any issues with the proposed amendments. AOA believes the strengthening of the Bill by improving the definitions and adding the possibility of penalties for misleading information being provided in certain situations is a positive step.

Yours sincerely,

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