

## Conclusion of ACCC review of Queensland pathology closure

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On 2 February 2015, Healthscope closed its non-core pathology operations in Queensland and parts of northern New South Wales. Following the closure, Healthscope transferred certain assets to Primary Health Care Ltd (**Primary**) which related to its former Queensland pathology business (**Healthscope Assets**), and entered into service arrangements with Primary for pathology services to be provided to Healthscope's Queensland hospitals and medical centres.

On 13 February 2015 the ACCC commenced a public review of Primary's acquisition of the Healthscope Assets under its informal merger review process. Whilst Healthscope does not consider that Primary's acquisition of the Healthscope Assets would have the effect, or be likely to have the effect, of substantially lessening competition in any market in Australia in contravention of the Competition and Consumer Act, it has cooperated with the ACCC's review process and is pleased to announce today that this review has now concluded.

Healthscope has entered into an undertaking with the ACCC by which it agrees to divest, to an ACCC approved buyer, some or all of the residual laboratory equipment and motor vehicles which were previously used in connection with its laboratory in Brisbane, Queensland.

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