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## **ACCC CALLS FOR COMMENT ON SONIC HEALTHCARE'S PROPOSED ACQUISITION**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission today released a Statement of Issues on the proposed acquisition of the pathology businesses of Healthscope Limited in Queensland, NSW, ACT and WA by Sonic Healthcare Limited.

The Statement of Issues seeks further information on certain competition issues which have arisen from the ACCC's review to date.

The ACCC invites further submissions from the market in response to the Statement of Issues by 16 August 2012. As a result, the ACCC's final decision will be deferred until 30 August 2012.

The Statement of Issues will be available on the public mergers register on the ACCC's website, [www.accc.gov.au/mergersregister](http://www.accc.gov.au/mergersregister).

Submissions can be sent by email to the ACCC at: [mergers@acc.gov.au](mailto:mergers@acc.gov.au)

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