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**Re : Inquiry into the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2017 Measures No.1) Bill 2017  
and Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2017**

The Australasian Sleep Association (ASA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. ASA is the peak scientific body in Australia & New Zealand representing clinicians, scientists and researchers in the broad area of Sleep. Our vision is the provision of world standard research, education and training, and establishment of clinical standards to ensure clinical best practice in sleep medicine resulting in an informed community with healthy sleep practices.

ASA supports the introduction of a new approval pathway through the introduction of 'provisionally registered goods'. We believe that this will assist in making new medications available to those in need sooner than they would be otherwise, while still ensuring that they are used within a safe and well-monitored framework.

This question is especially pertinent to medications being developed for rarer conditions, such as Xyrem, for the treatment of Narcolepsy. This medication would greatly assist those suffering from this uncommon condition and we look forward to it being made more widely available for specialist sleep physicians to prescribe for their patients in need.

Should you require any further information in this regard please do not hesitate to contact me

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Kind regards

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