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Dear Greg,

RE: PROPOSAL TO AMEND LISTING APPLYING TO BOOSTRIX VACCINE

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback on this proposal.

We are very supportive of the initiative to increase funded Boostrix vaccine to cover pregnant women (gestational age 28-38 weeks) for use during pertussis outbreak situations such as now.

In addition we would recommend consideration of funding of Boostrix, particularly during outbreak situations, for

- lead maternity carer and other health care personnel working with neonates and young infants
- maternal immunisation shortly after delivery if not done during pregnancy

as recommended in the 2011 Immunisation Handbook.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Infection and Immunisation Speciality Interest Group, Paediatric Society of
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