



Our ref: AA1000542  
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## By email

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Honeysuckle Health and nib health funds ltd application for authorisation AA1000542 — final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a final determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Honeysuckle Health and nib health funds ltd (the **Applicants**) on 24 December 2020.

Authorisation was sought to form and operate a buying group to collectively negotiate and administer contracts with healthcare providers (including hospitals, medical specialists, general practitioners and allied health professionals) on behalf of participants.

For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for 5 years, until 13 October 2026, with a condition that the Applicants must not supply services to Medibank, Bupa, HCF and HBF in Western Australia.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's authorisations [public register](#).

### **Application for review**

Pursuant to section 101 of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 12 October 2021. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 13 October 2021.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact Michael Pappa on (03) 9658 6531 or via email [michael.pappa@acc.gov.au](mailto:michael.pappa@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DChanning". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end of the word.

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