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Sent: Monday, 14 June 2021 7:38 PM
To: Exemptions
Subject: Re: Draft determination - application for authorisation lodged by Honeysuckle Health

Dear Mr Pappa

Re: Draft determination - application for authorisation lodged by Honeysuckle Health Pty Ltd and nib health funds limited in respect of the Honeysuckle Health Buying Group (Authorisation number: AA1000542)

I am an Anaesthetist working in Victoria.

I am writing to express my concern for the ACCC's draft determination which would allow Honeysuckle Health Pty Ltd (HH) and nib health funds limited (nib) (together, the applicants) to form and operate a buying group to collectively negotiate and administer contracts with healthcare providers for five years.

I am concerned that this will result in fewer choices and resultant poorer quality healthcare for patients. It is clear that it will prioritise insurance company earnings over patient care. There is no convincing evidence presented from the applicants that their proposed model will result in superior healthcare.

I completely agree with the views expressed in the letter to yourself from the President of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists on June 11th 2021.

Kind Regards,

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