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Subject: Re: Honeysuckle and NIB

To whom it may concern at ACCC
Re: NIB Honeysuckle proposal

I am writing to express my strong opposition to grant NIB/Honeysuckle authorisation to operate a buying collective with Australian healthcare providers (Authorisation number: AA1000542)

As a specialist anaesthetist working in a combination of public and private care settings, I believe the proposal would have a devastating effect on Australian health system. I have reservations to enhance an already significant influence of a major for-profit insurer on our health system.

The proposal will ultimately reduce patient's choice and restrict access to appropriate, high quality and safe care. In the long run this proposal and similar approaches from for-profit health funds will take clinician-based decision making away from the clinician and enable the insurer to dictate clinical decision making.

The NIB/Honeysuckle proposal is a clear example of corporate monopolizing behaviour that ACCC is supposed to prevent.

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