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I believe that a health services buying group would be detrimental to Australians health for the details below. As written by the https://asa.org.au/managed-care/?_zs=UHVqk&_zl=KcDv1

On 21 May 2021, the ACCC issued a [draft determination](#) to authorise Honeysuckle Health (Cigna/nib health funds) to form a health services buying group.

We believe this will result in lower quality healthcare for Australians. Managed care is the predominant funding model in the United States and represents the most expensive healthcare system with poorer outcomes than Australian patients currently enjoy.

We are concerned that this proposal:

- Increases the power and influence of large for-profit corporations and the funding and delivery of healthcare in Australia
- Gives control of healthcare standards to commercial interests
- Damages the foundations of Australia's world-class healthcare system
- Will erode the right of Australians to their choice of doctor and their access to procedures and hospitals
- Ultimately, that it will steal from the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship and dictate how and where patients will be treated.

Regards,
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