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To ACCC, I write to express my opposition to the proposal to grant NIB/Honeysuckle authorisation to operate a buying collective with Australian healthcare providers (Authorisation number: AA1000542).

This fundamentally reduces the current level playing field that health care providers operate under in the private sector in Australia and ultimately restricts patients' options when choosing a health care provider.

Medical specialists must also be free to make decisions about clinical care without burdensome pressure from contracts with health insurance companies. We cannot allow health insurance companies to dictate how and where patients will be treated.

The only motivation for NIB/Honeysuckle to operate such a program is to reduce the quality of the (already poor) product that they sell to patients and increase their profit margins. Treatment options should not be dictated by companies for commercial reasons.

This is exactly the kind of anticompetitive corporate behaviour that the ACCC was established to prevent.

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