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To: Exemptions
Subject: Re AA1000542

Dear 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. 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.

This is exactly the kind of anticompetitive corporate behaviour that the ACCC was established to prevent. It is not in the interests of the market or consumers, and over time will lead to the inappropriate dictation of health service provision by health insurers as opposed to clinically indicated care recommended by healthcare professionals as appropriate to the actual individual patient. Please do not endorse this proposal.

Kind regards
Dr Elena Jackson