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To whom it may concern.

My name is Eric Levi. I am an AHPRA-registered Ear Nose & Throat, Head & Neck Surgeon Specialist from Melbourne, Victoria.

Authorising Honeysuckle Health (Cigna/nib health funds) to form a health services buying group is a major concern to the health and wellbeing of Australians. I disagree with this move and believe that this should not proceed.

I 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.

I am 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.

Please stop this from progressing any further. Please protect the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship.

Best Regards,
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