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ACCC,

As a medical specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for over 20 years working in both the Private and Public Health systems, I am seriously concerned at the increasing power and influence of Private Health Insurers over healthcare provision and access in Australia. I am within 5 years of retirement and hopefully wouldn't feel the full impact of a managed care model until I am a consumer rather than a healthcare provider. My concern is more for consumers and future healthcare practitioners.

We have witnessed disastrous failings in the United States Health System which excludes all but the wealthiest or employer sponsored citizens. Choices are limited and many "non-financially viable" yet ethically essential treatments are unfunded or excluded.

There is no health system has advanced under a managed care platform like that proposed by Honeysuckle and NIB both overtly and by stealth. Corporate profits are raping the coffers which should be allocated to frontline healthcare expenditure.

Consumers choices will decline, services will be reduced overall and the career potential for many thousands of current and future medical students and doctors will be decimated under managed care models. The only Australians who will possibly be better off will be shareholders and recipients of profits from consumer goods and equipment.

I implore you not to allow the encroachment of managed care into our Australian health system.

Please do not approve Honeysuckle or any other similar collaboration.

Australia has a great health system, the envy of most countries in the world. One which we medical practitioners and other healthcare workers can be justly proud of in its current form. It may not be perfect, but the advancements to improve it should not ever include managed care.

Government policy to support and expand private services to relieve pressure on the Public system would be so much better for the country than the endorsement of overseas managed care providers.

Respectfully,

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