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Subject: AA1000542 – Honeysuckle Health – submission

To whom it may concern

I am writing in regards to the draft determination proposing to authorise Honeysuckle Health and nib health funds (ASX: NHF) to form and operate a health services buying group for five years.

I am strongly opposed to any arrangement whereby a health fund collectively negotiates and administers contracts with healthcare providers. I am concerned about the power and influence of large for-profit health corporations and their plans to change the funding and delivery of healthcare in Australia. I believe this would result in lower quality healthcare for Australians.

The Managed Care model effectively gives control of our health care standards to commercial interests. Managed care has the potential to damage the foundations of Australia's world class healthcare system. Managed care is the predominant funding process in the United States which represents the most expensive healthcare system with the poorest health outcomes.

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- Medical specialists must 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.
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- We must protect the right of Australians to have a choice of doctor, and not be limited to a selection of doctors within a closed network.
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- I ask the ACC to act to protect the independence of the doctor patient relationship and preserve our world class health care system.

Yours sincerely
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