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Dear ACCC,

I am an anaesthetist who has grave concerns over the proposed Honeysuckle Health and NIB health fund arrangement. This will create a large for-profit health company that will dictate healthcare for our patients, dictated by commercial benefit. This will compromise patient care for Australian patients, who currently have one of the best healthcare services in the world.

Our patient's freedom of choice of health care provider will be compromised by this new service. Honeysuckle/NIB Health will provide a restricted number of contracted service providers to patients, thereby limiting their choice and best possible care and illness outcome.

As medical specialists, we must have the ability to investigate, manage and refer to other specialists where indicated for best possible patient care. This new setup will compromise our current freedom to do so.

The doctor patient relationship must be preserved as an independent alliance, not influenced by a large for-profit company. The similar managed care system currently in place in the USA, has led to compromised health outcome for their patients.

Please reconsider the harm that this Honeysuckle and NIB alliance will produce.

Regards
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