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To whom it may concern,

As a doctor in Australia I am privileged to be able to treat patients based on clinical need and considering patients' wishes in private and in public system.

I am able to look after the patients in acute settings but also in a preventative fashion.

This is very different to what my colleagues experience in the USA. There, only the top few percent of the population have access to the best state of the art medicine ... and sadly the rest take what the insurance allows them to if they can afford the insurance or wait for near death health deterioration to be able to receive treatment. Preventative care is much harder to administer due to lack of financial incentive.

The treatment decisions are influenced not just by the clinical situation , doctors and patients but are dictated by the profit driven insurance organisations.

It would be devastating to let American expensive unsuccessful healthcare model into our country; to let the gap between healthcare for rich and others increase , to make provision of basic care for all patients nearly impossible because the insurance dictates so.

I am aware that our current system is not perfect but the American model is further away from a safe, sustainable healthcare model for all Australians that we aspire to have.

As a practitioner working in private and public system, I oppose the proposition of managed care and urge the stakeholders to investigate the real situation in America and not believe the picture painted by the insurance companies.

Sincerely yours,
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