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Hi,

I am an experienced Melbourne anaesthetist, having been practising as such for 40 years. I have seen many changes over this time but this new proposal by CIGNA and NIB to form the Honeysuckle business will open and advance the march to US-styled managed care.

I have grave concerns regarding a multibillion-dollar US company merging with an Australian health insurer to purchase health services from the private sector. I have seen the impact of this model in the United States where my daughter lives and treatment options and choices are dictated by large profit-making companies on commercial grounds. The Australian public should not lose their right to choose their doctor and the treatment they receive. I and all the colleagues I have discussed this with strongly believe this application will have over time a huge negative impact on the quality of healthcare provided to Australians in the private sector. I disagree with the ACCC draft determination of the Honeysuckle/NiB proposal and I request that the ACCC rejects the application.

Yours sincerely,

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