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To: Exemptions
Subject: AA1000542 – Honeysuckle Health – submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have grave concerns about the above submission by Honeysuckle Health and it's impact on the care patients in Australia will receive if it goes ahead.

My major concern is that this multi billion dollar group will essentially become a cartel due to its unfair level of influence over the market. They may claim to offer a public benefit but in this is not achieved by simply offering a cheaper alternative, surely a better service rather than a less expensive one is the goal. The company will now control the patient's choice of specialist rather than the patient themselves or their General Practitioner.

Honeysuckle Health says it will "compare the value of services from a provider against peers in the region". It makes no mention of the fact that not all practitioners operate within the same level of complexity. This means that there will be no "value" in treating more difficult, complex cases for fear of complication rates being higher. This means that high risk patients who reliably pay their premiums may find themselves excluded from the very facility that their health fun owns because their care is too expensive. Also the sharing of an individual doctor's adverse incident rate with no regard for the complexities of the cases they have treated is absolutely unreasonable and should be avoided.

This represents a grave risk to our current system and the care of our patients. Please consider this very carefully

Regards

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