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Dear ACCC,

I am deeply disturbed about the proposal to allow Honeysuckle Health and nib health funds to form and operate a health service buying group for 5 years (managed care model).

I am concerned about the power and influence of large for profit health corporations and their plans to change the funding and delivery of health care in Australia.

The managed care model gives control of our health care standards to commercial for profit entities.

This will destroy the foundations of Australia's world class health care system.

Medical Specialists must be free to make decisions about clinical care with our burdensome pressure from contracts with health insurance companies and their allied hospitals. We can not allow health insurance companies to dictate how and when patients will be treated for maximal profit without regard for patient care.

Australians have a right to choose their doctor and hospital, and not to be limited to a selection of doctors and hospitals within a closed system.

We ask the ACCC to act and protect the independence of the doctor patient relationship and thereby preserve our world class health system.

I am acutely attuned to these issues, having lived and practised in the USA under the managed (*mangled*) care model.

Kind regards,

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