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To whom it may concern (ACCC),

I am an anaesthetist operating in the private and public sector. The key points listed by my organisation the ASA (as per below) are of immense relevance to the upcoming decision of the ACCC. The bedrock of our health care is the relationship between doctor and patient. This will be significantly jeopardised by a decision to allow health care to be dictated by private health funds.

I'm very grateful for your consideration of the ASA's important stance on this issue of health care delivery.

Thank you

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- - We are concerned about the power and influence of large for-profit health corporations and their plans to change the funding and delivery of healthcare in Australia.
- - The Managed Care model effectively gives control of our health care standards to commercial interests.
- - Managed care has the potential to damage the foundations of Australia's world class healthcare system.
- - Medical specialists must be free to make decisions about clinical care without burdensome pressure from contracts with health insurance companies. We cannot allow health insurance companies to dictate how and where patients will be treated.
- - We must protect the right of Australians to have a choice of doctor, and not be limited to a selection of doctors within a closed network.
- - We ask the ACC to act to protect the independence of the doctor patient relationship and preserve our world class health care system.