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To: Exemptions
Cc: Australian Society of Anaesthetists
Subject: AA1000542 – Honeysuckle Health – submission

To the ACCC,

My name is Dr. Kar Peng Ng and I am a Specialist Anaesthetist in private practice.

I am concerned with the ACCC's draft determination proposing to authorise Honeysuckle Health and nib health funds (ASX: NHF) to form and operate a health services buying group to collectively negotiate and manage contracts with healthcare providers on behalf of private health insurers and other healthcare payers who join the group.

I am 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. This Managed Care model effectively gives control of our health care standards to commercial interests. It would damage the foundations of Australia's world class healthcare system, restrict our freedom to make decisions about clinical care, and restrict patients' right to have a choice of doctor.

I trust that you share my concerns and would act in the interests of all Australians to protect the independence of the doctor-patient relationship and preserve our world class health care system by not moving towards Managed Care in Australia.

Yours Sincerely,

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