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**From:** Neil Dooney [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Exemptions  
**Subject:** AA1000542 – Honeysuckle Health – submission

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Rejection of ACCC draft determination to authorise Honeysuckle Health and nib buying group

My name is Neil Dooney and I am a specialist Anaesthetist practicing in Melbourne at Austin Health, and also in private practice at various private hospitals.

I write today to express concern over the proposed introduction of managed care style healthcare funding. I experienced US style managed care first hand when I worked as a Fellow and Attending Anesthesiologist in the US from 2009-2011.

Specifically, this model gives control of our health standards to commercial interests, where health insurance companies dictate how and where patients will be treated, not limited to the treating doctor, type of medications used and also type of surgery and equipment used during surgery. Medical specialists must be free to make decisions about clinical care without the interference of health insurance companies. Australians deserve to be able to choose their doctor, and not be limited to a selection of doctors who have signed a contract with a particular health insurance group. The independence of the doctor patient relationship will be eroded

I ask that moves towards managed health care in Australia are rejected, and the independence of the doctor patient relationship is maintained.

Yours Sincerely

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