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

To the ACCC,

I write to express my opposition to the proposal to grant Honeysuckle Health and nib an authorisation to operate a buying collective with Australian healthcare providers.

This move reduces the current level playing field that health care providers operate under in the private sector in Australia and would ultimately restrict a patients' options when choosing a health care provider.

Honeysuckle Health and nib are motivated to operate such a program is to reduce the quality of the (already poor) product that they sell to patients and increase their profits.

I feel that treatment options should not be dictated by the likes of Honeysuckle Health and based on commercial reasons.

It is not in the interests of the market or consumers, and over time will lead to the inappropriate dictation of health service provision by health insurers as opposed to clinically indicated care recommended by healthcare professionals as appropriate for the actual individual patient.

i would ask the ACCC to reject this proposal.

Kind regards,

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