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I am writing to voice my opposition to the formation of the Honeysuckle Health Buying group. I am especially concerned with the formation of a buying group with NIB and US based Cigna Health, which is currently in court for refusing to provide care to patients.

I understand that our health care system has issues to figure out. However, implementing a US style managed care system which is run by corporations will not result in cost savings for patients or a better quality of care. We only have to look to the US health system to see that they are the most expensive health system in the world that do not deliver good results on a per dollar basis.

In summary, the public will suffer, health care standards will fall, while costs will eventually go up.

I am in full support of the Australian Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons (ASOS) position statement. ASOS opposes the formation of the Honeysuckle Health Buying Group.

Kind Regards
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