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To: Exemptions
Subject: AA1000542 – Honeysuckle Health – submission

Dear sir/madam

I am a practicing specialist anaesthetist

I strongly object to the submission by Honeysuckle Health (Cigna/NIB) to form a health services buying group

This inevitably leads to what is euphemistically known as Managed Care

The Americanisation of healthcare

Where clinical decisions are controlled by managers who have shareholder profit as their concern rather than patient welfare

There are countless examples of how horrible this can be

The US government pays twice what the Australian government pays for Health as a percentage of GDP and gets a terrible health system

The reason their system is so bad is inequality

A small number have access to fantastic healthcare

Most get access to healthcare of patchy quality

But a lot actually get no proper healthcare at all

Healthcare in Australia is the envy of many countries

I know it's not perfect and we have inequality of access too

But the US system is the wrong direction entirely

Provision of access to a good healthcare system is our governments duty

They owe it to their employers

Letting 'for profit' companies take over the provision of health services is an abrogation of your responsibility

And in the end will cost us more

Please do not allow this

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