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Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Dr. Yi Chen Zhao and I am an ENT surgeon in Melbourne working at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and St Vincent's Hospital.

I am writing to you to oppose the authorisation for Honeysuckle Health and NIB to form a buying group. I believe this is a major step towards managed care modelled on the USA healthcare system. We have a great healthcare system in Australia where there is more choice for patients, better health outcome for -patients and overall lower costs to the community compared with the US system. By allowing such a large buying group to form would ultimately decrease competition and more detrimental to the community in the long run. While some suggestion to limit the size of the program/group I do not believe it would be wise to allow them to form at all.

Thank for your considering my submission.

Sincerely

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