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I would be opposed to Honeysuckle and NIB to form and operate a buying group.

This would eventually be at high risk of reducing choice for patients in terms of doctors, treatment covered for by private health insurance, and lead to a culture of profit maximisation over patient care.

Cigna Corporation are a US style managed care so ultimately this joint venture between nib and Cigna to form honeysuckle is going to be influenced by a US style managed care. The experience in the US is that healthcare costs has gone through the roof, financial burden and debt to patients has increased, health care outcomes has not improved and patients choice of doctor and hospital is dictated to by the corporations, i.e. less choice for patients with higher costs, maximise profits for the shareholders of nib and honeysuckle and Cigna at the expense of patients choices and health care outcomes.

Kind regards,
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