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Dear Commissioners

As a patient and a doctor I am disappointed to hear that the proposal by Honeysuckle Health and NIB is being considered for Australian Healthcare. This proposal appears to me to be a conflict of interest; allowing a for profit insurer to become involved in the selection of healthcare decisions for patients. These decisions should be based on science and science alone not company profit margins. Australian and New Zealand healthcare is the envy of the rest of the world and the model the rest of the world strives to achieve. Such success has been somewhat borne out during the management of the current pandemic, our limited waiting lists for elective surgery and the collaborative management of public and private patients at public and private hospitals. We are all very much aware of the inequities in the delivery of healthcare in the United States, where such arrangements for healthcare are common and where money that should be attributed to patient care is ultimately redirected to company profit. I beg you not to take Australians down this path.

Yours faithfully

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