
From: Ruja Varon [REDACTED]
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To: Exemptions
Subject: Concern re Cigna (Honeysuckle Health)

To ACCC,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my opposition to the ACCC Honeysuckle Health/NIB draft determination.

I am a doctor who stopped working before I was ready to retire, due to illness. So I have had to use the health care system quite a bit in recent years. I am writing as a consumer more than as a medical professional. I am very worried about what essentially amounts to a push by Honeysuckle/NIB to bring managed care USA style into Australia. We have a first class health system, the envy of the world; it is not broken and doesn't need fixing nor undermining. US style health care makes the health funds rich but doesn't provide good care for the whole community, only for the very wealthy.

ACCC has a duty first and foremost to Australia and its citizens, over and above its role as an even handed umpire between companies, whether or not that is written specifically into its charter.

I have read "Cigna Sued for RICO Violations, "Brazen Embezzlement and Conversion Scheme" -Health Plan Litigation Tsunami: Part 2 - AVYMAVYM (I refer you to the relevant link below). What investigations has the ACCC performed to into the history of Cigna's interactions with patients/ consumers in the USA and other countries ?

<http://avym.com/cigna-sued-for-rico-violations-brazen-embezzlement-and-conversion-scheme-health-plan-litigation-tsunami-part-2/>

And what other due diligence has been done in relation to the operations of Cigna? (one example; I understand Cigna has a significant presence in China. Might this not present a potential security risk to Australia at some point in the future,?).

<https://www.scmp.com/business/article/2145411/us-health-insurer-cigna-expects-china-become-its-biggest-international>

I look forward to your reply,

Yours sincerely,

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