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Hi there,

I was concerned to find recently that the the ACCC issued a draft determination to authorise Honeysuckle Health (Cigna/nib health funds) to form a health services buying group.

I believe this will result in lower quality healthcare for Australians. Managed care is the predominant funding model in the United States and represents the most expensive healthcare system with poorer outcomes than Australian patients currently enjoy. Healthcare and education are so important for anyone trying to escape poverty and its already hard to access those services now. With Medicare being torn apart please help protect your fellow Australians from suffering or financial ruin!

this proposal:

- Increases the power and influence of large for-profit corporations and the funding and delivery of healthcare in Australia
- Gives control of healthcare standards to commercial interests
- Damages the foundations of Australia's world-class healthcare system
- Will erode the right of Australians to their choice of doctor and their access to procedures and hospitals
- Ultimately, that it will steal from the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship and dictate how and where patients will be treated.

If anything, insurers should have less power and Medicare should have more funding. Please do what's right for our country.

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