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To: Australian Hand Surgery Admin; Jeff Ecker; Jeff Hughes; Exemptions
Subject: Draft exemption AA1000542 NIB/Honeysuckle Health Pty Ltd to operate a buying group to collectively negotiate and manage contracts with healthcare providers in Australia

I write to express my grave concern regarding the proposed action which strikes at the heart of the right of all Australians to choose their own health practitioner through the private medical sector by choosing to purchase private health insurance.

The proposed structure will allow a direct contract between healthcare providers and the funding body and thus potentially limit the choice of practitioner by the clients of the funder/insurer

This is following a model very close to US style managed care and is my opinion anathema to optimum quality care, as Australians and their carers expect their right of choice of provider.

I trust the ACCC to act wisely and in the best interests of the people of Australia and find against the proposal

Thank you

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