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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly object to the draft determination regarding Honeysuckle Health. The organisations that I am a part of have already provided a detailed justification as to why this is a disastrous step for the Australian health care system as a whole. and I refer to submissions made by the Australian Medical Associaton, Australian Orthopaedic Associaton and the Austailain Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons. I would like to wholeheartedly lend my personal endorsement to their positions.

I cannot understand why the ACCC would make such a determination that prioritises the interests of a company such as Cigna, enabling profiteering off the healthcare of Australians. The ACCC has delivered a result that clearly values the profit of a multinational corporation over the rights of Australians to access appropriate care. Inopening the door to managed care in this country the ACCC has completely failed to protect Australian consumers.

I plan on continuing to support the peak professional organisations I am a part of in their objection to this proposal, and along with these organisations will do my best to ensure that Australians will be well informed as to how the ACCC has endorsed the cynical exploitation of our healthcare system for profit.

Kind regards,

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