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I am responding to the draught determination re Honeysuckle Health/NIB's application to introduce what appears to be managed medical care into Australia.

This determination does not take note of the serious effects on patient care if this is permitted but only of the effect on competition. What should be medical decisions about medical care, access to doctors and hospitals of choice and duration of treatment will be made by managers whose primary role is to maximise the profit of the company concerned rather than the wellbeing of patients. We have an enviable health care system currently.

NIB does not offer the 'known gap' scheme to their members currently, costing their members more. It is hypocrisy on their part to say it is caring for their members when all other funds (not under their management) offer the scheme.

I hope that ACCC will reconsider this determination.

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