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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am responding to the draft determination regarding Honeysuckle Health'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 well-being of the patients.

I object to 'managed care' and group negotiations by one company on behalf of our health funds. This is effectively a multi-billion dollar American company merging with an Australian health insurer to purchase health services from the private sector.

This model has clearly failed in the United States where the choice of doctor and treatment options are dictated by companies for commercial reasons. This would remove the right of the Australian public to choose who and where they receive care. It would be hugely detrimental to patients and clinicians.

Regards,

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