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To: Exemptions
Subject: AA1000542 – Honeysuckle Health – submission

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to express my opposition to the proposal to grant NIB/Honeysuckle authorisation to operate a buying collective with Australian healthcare providers (Authorisation number: AA1000542).

This proposal has the potential to significantly affect private practice in Australia in a negative way. I am particularly concerned about the likely significant impact on, and erosion of General Practice care in Australia, should such a proposal be approved. General Practice is private practice, and no GP should be required to exclude a patient on the basis of their private health insurance fund. In my opinion, approving this proposal would be detrimental to public health, and to the Medicare insurance scheme.

The only motivation for NIB/Honeysuckle to operate such a program is to reduce the quality of the product that they sell to patients and increase their profit margins. It would be fool's gold to consider otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

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