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Dear ACCC,

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

This fundamentally reduces the current level playing field that health care providers operate under in the private sector in Australia and ultimately restricts patients' options when choosing a health care provider. The only motivation for NIB/Honeysuckle to operate such a program is to reduce the quality of the (already poor) product that they sell to patients and increase their profit margins.

This is exactly the kind of anticompetitive corporate behaviour that the ACCC was established to prevent.

More information about the issue can be found at [https://www.aoa.org.au/docs/default-source/eshots/aoa-notices---materials/draft-determination---21-05-21---pr---aa1000542---honeysuckle-health-and-nib.pdf?sfvrsn=4a9cda04\\_2](https://www.aoa.org.au/docs/default-source/eshots/aoa-notices---materials/draft-determination---21-05-21---pr---aa1000542---honeysuckle-health-and-nib.pdf?sfvrsn=4a9cda04_2)

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