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Dear Mr Witcomb

As I am on the cusp of retirement, concerns about private medical practice have largely faded from my mind. That said, I am alarmed to hear that the Competition Commission seems to have recently missed the elephant in the room when it comes to the private healthcare market. The behaviour of insurers has in recent years become extremely aggressive and assertive, seriously distorting and trying to control the market. The ownership of private hospitals seems, in comparison, a relatively minor matter.