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Dear Mr Slater,

Re: Proposed deregulation of sunscreens

I understand that the draft proposal would mean that products with an SPF20 or lower would not be regulated in any way by the TGA.

An SPF of 15 or greater gives 94% protection and I tell my patients that anything above SPF15 is satisfactory as the SPF30 and above only give an only 3 or 4% extra protection. If these proposals go ahead, I cannot be confident that sunscreens with an SPF of 15 to 20 will have the satisfactory SPF stability testing with good manufacturing practice or quality systems, efficacy data or safety data of the ingredients or formulae.

We have a very high incidence of skin cancer in Australia and I believe all sunscreens need to be regulated to the same level by the TGA in order to have confidence in products that are labeled sunscreens.

Yours faithfully,

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