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Mr Geenan

Dear Mr Slater

Regarding the Australian review of policy framework for regulating products of the cosmetic therapeutic interface, specifically sunscreen products, I would like to make the following comments. I think it is entirely a retrograde step for the TGA to have no input into the efficacy claims or products' constituents or stability of anything that purports to have sunscreen of this level in it. The skin cancer epidemic we have in Australia is extremely serious and it is important that the patients can have complete confidence in any products that they are using that are supposed to have a therapeutic effect. My opinion is that the TGA should continue to have controls over any products so listed and it should be at the same level as that for any of the main sunscreen manufacturing companies.

I suspect that my College, the Australasian College of Dermatologists, will be writing to you on this topic but I feel strongly enough as an individual dermatologist to write myself. I trust the TGA will not take this backward step in a public health matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian McColl".

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