

Australian Government  
Department of Health  
Therapeutic Goods Administration

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a user of homeopathy and have been for about 10 years. This has become an invaluable resource for the health of my family. I am able to quickly and easily treat minor ailments such as cold and flu, aches and pains, and earaches. I have been able to do this as a result of attending a training course to help me understand how homeopathy works and to develop skills in understanding symptom and remedies.

I am not an expert in this and I know when to ask for help from either my GP or from an experienced homeopath.

I have experienced a chronic condition which was not responsive to treatments available from my GP. I was very fortunate to be able to access a talented, responsible and trained homeopath who treated this condition with life changing results.

I am very concerned that this affordable and effective system of medicine is at risk of being no longer available to me. I do understand that some people may hear homeopathy and placebo as the same thing. That is their choice. This should not, however, take away my choice to access a safe and affordable treatment.

Option 1 is the only outcome that will provide me with the certainty I need to continue to stay healthy. Homeopathy is a low risk medicine. It is not addictive like many pain killers, it does not cause harmful side effects, it is not addictive and overdose is all but impossible. Given this it is unclear to me what the problem is that the TGA is trying to fix.

Homeopathy is recognized in other countries eg. Switzerland and is recognized by the World Health Organisation as the most popular and widely used complementary medicine worldwide.

I urge the TGA to adopt Option 1.

Kind regards

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