

To: the Therapeutic Goods Association

Please leave homeopathy as it currently is.

There must be choice for consumers. We are not stupid and no one will keep paying good money for something that doesn't work.

Homeopathy is a very safe and effective therapeutic alternative to mainstream medicine. To the best of my knowledge, no one has ever died from using homeopathy (unfortunately the same cannot be said about doctor-prescribed medicines). Homeopathy is a phenomenal resource, which is probably well underutilised, perhaps because most people are not well-informed about it, and scientific research is lagging behind in discovering the nitty-gritty of exactly why and how it works (hence the scepticism).

If options 3 or 4 were to be adopted, it would severely handicap the homeopathic industry in Australia. Most homeopathy users have only a cursory knowledge of which remedies to use for specific health concerns, so they would not know what to buy if the supplier was unable to label products accordingly. Demand would be completely stifled, effectively shutting down homeopathic businesses in Australia and restricting access to homeopathy for everyone.

The simple truth is that homeopathy works. I was sceptical at first too, but after trying various remedies with successful results, I went on to learn more about it and now use it regularly for myself and my family. Furthermore, it works without any of the nasty side effects common to most, if not all, over the counter or prescribed pharmaceuticals. That has got to be a good thing.

I am not suggesting that it be used for life-threatening conditions or medical emergencies- it cannot stitch you back together after an accident. But for everyday complaints such as headaches, period pain, colds and flus, hay fever, hot feet, bruising, muscular pains, hormonal issues, etc, etc, it is a fantastic and safe alternative to pharmaceutical drugs, without any stress on your liver or other side effects.

Furthermore, it is a great complementary treatment to conventional medical care. For example, my husband recently used homeopathic arnica and ledum following eye surgery to help with his healing and reduce bruising and his surgeon was completely amazed at his speedy recovery!

You will be truly cheating all Australians if you restrict our access to this wonderful natural alternative therapy- seriously, just try it for yourself and you will know better.

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