

Submission to TGA regarding Consultation on Homoeopathic Practice

I write to ask that homoeopathic practice be maintained as a valid alternative medicine modality. Due to my daughter's difficulties with asthma and eczema over 30 years ago and the ineffective treatment with western medicine including adverse reactions to cortico-steroids, we explored alternative treatments for her conditions and homoeopathy was one of the most successful treatments we found, both for her and the rest of our family.

Because homoeopathic treatment is recognised by the World Health Organisation as a valid alternative medicine practice, the TGA shouldn't even be considering reducing its status in this country, thereby denying access by me and my family to our preferred mode of treatment.

I fear that the TGA may be placing too much weight on the recent NH&MRC report that claimed that homoeopathic medicine isn't effective. I can personally attest to the effectiveness of many homoeopathic treatments over the past 30 years including dissolving kidney stones that the hospital wanted to operate on because of the size of the stone. My worry is that that study used a higher level of efficacy than what is used for other studies and I understand that the results have been challenged and are subject to an enquiry so please don't use this report. The TGA should instead consider the Swiss Report on Homoeopathy which was much more scientifically based and balanced.

Please make sure that my right to seek homoeopathic consultations and treatments is maintained as it's the best treatment I have found for myself and my family, as well as many of my friends who can attest to its efficacy.

With thanks,

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