<u>Submission to the TGA in regards to restricting Homeopathic</u> information and remedies.

I am writing this submission as I am extremely concerned as a user of Homeopathic remedies that the TGA is looking to restrict the use of this safe and effective medicine.

I absolutely stand completely by Option 1.

Homeopathy is recognized by the World Health Organisation as the most popular and widely used complementary medicine worldwide. Entire communities depend on it for healthcare and the prevention of epidemic disease. That being so, why would the TGA even consider restricting access to Australians and their families?

I have been using Homeopathy for 15 years for myself and my family. It is our first choice when colds and flu and minor aches and pains or injuries affect us. We have never once experienced any adverse reactions using Homeopathic remedies and it is a safe and effective way of handling minor health problems. It also means that we only see our doctor when it is absolutely necessary and that saves the doctors time for more serious and urgent needs.

By not recognising Homeopathic remedies as therapeutic goods in Option 4 of the consultation, the TGA will be out of touch with other governments worldwide who do.

Australian's have the basic right to choose treatments which best suit them. Government agencies are there to make sure available products and treatments are safe to use, not to restrict our access and decide for us what we can and can't use, especially when safety, as with Homeopathy, is not an issue.

For the above reasons, Option 1 is the only option which should be adopted.