

I wish to make a submission in regard to the TGA Consultation on “Low Risk Products” that has serious implications for Australian Homeopathy and for the people of Australia in regard to their democratic right to have “freedom of Choice” in all areas of personal health care.

Homeopathic treatments have been very effective for myself and my family in treating many different conditions over the past decades. Sometimes in minor cases of first aid care within the home such as cuts, sprains, bruises, tick and spider bites trauma and shock and other times with complaints that our regular doctor was not able to help sufficiently with such as flu/cold symptoms, mosquito viruses such as Ross River and Barmah Forest Fever, chronic Fatigue, migraines, incapacitation due to Back problems, allergies etc... the list goes on. The homeopathic treatments worked effectively and immediately in most cases, and have been a cornerstone to health care in our family. We note that the royal family who have access to the best health care available have had a homeopathic physician for decades and continue to be in very good health.

It is imperative that our options of personal health care are retained and our rights to choose are protected.

If the T.G.A's role is to protect public safety then you need have no concern as homeopathy is the safest option of any medicine available.

Just because it is not completely understood by the rational mind at this point in history does not mean it is not effective. And its effectiveness could easily be proven through proper, unbiased trials and testing. The NHMRC has not conducted a proper impartial assessment and has produced a flawed report which is being reviewed by the ombudsman and deserves no credibility until his findings have been determined.

We ask that there be no change to the regulations as they exist at present in regard to Homeopathic products and the ability to receive homeopathic advice from practitioners. Therefore we advocate Option 1 and strongly oppose Options 3 & 4. Our democratic right of “Freedom of Choice” in Health Care must be preserved.