

Consultation submission

“Yes” to Option 1

Right to choose. Australians have the basic right to choose treatments which best suit them. Government agencies should not regulate to restrict their access to information about that treatment. Homeopathy is recognised by the World Health Organization (WHO) 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 consider restricting the access of Australians to it?

No harm. Unlike prescription drugs which “contributed to 330 of the state’s 420 overdose deaths in 2015” in Victoria alone, there is no evidence to suggest that homeopaths have harmed or contributed to the death of anyone.

Personally benefited from healing by homeopathy. Homeopathy has helped my wider family heal from chronic disease. That’s why I became a homeopath myself.

“No” to Option 4.

Not to restrict safe medicines. The TGA is there to protect my safety in relation to medicines and treatment, not to restrict your access to safe medicines. The TGA and every drug regulating authority around the world considers homeopathic remedies to be “low-risk” medicines – there’s no reason for that position to change now.

I do not want:

- Regulations designed for high-risk medicines applied to homeopathy which, by the TGA’s own description, is a “low-risk” medicine.
- Consumer and user access to homeopathic remedies restricted.
- Changes in the current regulations that would either encourage or make it easier for those antagonistic to homeopathy to lodge vexatious complaints.
- Self-help information about homeopathy and the symptoms and ailments it treats, restricted.
- Homeopathic prescribers to be stopped from providing that information, or prescribing homeopathic remedies.

Regards:

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