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11th May, 2017

Re: Consultation on future regulation of low risk products

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I would find it incredibly strange that this action could be considered by the TGA, considering the acceptance of homeopathy as the second or third largest complementary medicine used world-wide, if I hadn't been made aware of the current situation with the NHMRC. Any government body is comprised of individuals, and is increasingly worrying to watch certain individuals move in illogical, unscientific, potentially biased directions using the cover of a government body that is supposed to protect the public in a fair and balanced manner. The NHMRC report and UK government review cited in the TGA consultation paper should not have been referred to as one has been rejected and the other the subject of complaint to the Ombudsman.

Regardless, my family, friends, colleagues, acquaintances and I have benefited enormously from the use of homeopathy, no side-effects, no toxins and mountains of scientific evidence available world-wide. I wholeheartedly support Option 1 and, if this is not supported, Option 2 of the options under consideration. I most strongly object to Options 3 and 4. I want to continue to have the freedom to choose my health modalities. I have very rarely used mainstream medicine over the past 20 years as there has been no need. My family and I have used homeopathy effectively for any health issues we have had. As a practitioner, I have seen it help so many people and animals, without side-effects, a lovely thing in itself.

Homeopathy is used by hospitals, clinics, doctors and a wide variety of health professionals throughout the world as a regular part of their patient treatment regime.

I understand that the TGA's position is to protect the public, so I find it difficult to accept that pharmaceuticals that have product inserts which include possible side-effects such as 'death', as well as other very worrying words, can be deemed in the public's benefit when a therapeutic system that does no harm can be questioned. This story seems so medieval in its unfolding.

Can the TGA seriously suggest that many, many countries, governments, scientists, health professionals and billions of individuals have 'got it wrong' with regards to homeopathy?

I would humbly urge and request a careful and balanced consideration of this issue.

Yours Sincerely,

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