Submission to the TGA –

<u>Subject</u> - Homoeopathic products must be regulated just the way they have always been regulated in Australia by the TGA.

As a citizen of Australia and after having lived in many countries around the world, I have used Homoeopathy for my family and myself for over 25 years.

I cannot understand how the TGA can even think of excluding Homoeopathic products from under its regulatory cover. It shows a lack of interest and a lack of common sense on part of the people responsible for such a rash thought.

Here are my clear reasons for supporting Homoeopathy –

- Homoeopathy is known worldwide as a form of natural medicine all over the world. When the World Health Organisation supports Homoeopathy and when many prominent countries and personalities all over the world support Homoeopathy and uphold its therapeutic and medicinal value dear how does the TGA in Australia go ahead and say they would not like to regulate its products?
- We are a progressive nation and a democracy. People do have their sense of intelligence and they do have a right to choose. Why does the TGA think it has a right to take away one of my choices for my family and myself?
- As far as I know the TGA has the ability and discretion to recognize all forms of Traditional medicine and is not just evidence based. Why then does it suddenly not want to support Homoeopathy?
- The government in UK decided Homoeopathy needs to be supported and let it be a part of the NHS. How can the TGA then withdraw its support in Australia. We do have a large number of people who use Homoeopathy and the TGS has a duty towards them.
- If the TGA is holding the NHMRC report in its reasoning then I would urge the TGA officials to see the movie Just One Drop before making such a rash move. It is beyond doubt that the NHMRC report is not worth anything considering the number of flaws in the methods used. Besides the report is under scrutiny and a complaint has been registered with the Ombudsman. The TGA is duty bound to make its on investigations and cannot under any circumstances take things for granted.

 The Swiss government recognises Homoeopathy as an integral part of its health care system. Why is the TGA in Australia making wrong choices?
Supporting traditional medicine is their job – why not do it with care and understanding.

At the end of it all I have to say is this – the TGA has a responsibility towards the people and towards the traditional systems of medicine that abound in the different countries of this world. Homoeopathy has been around for over 200 years. Be honest and support it. You will be supporting millions of people worldwide who love Homoeopathy and work for its growth and its efficacy.

Above all – use it and see. Then you will have no choice but to support it.