12th May, 2017

Department of Health
Therapeutic Goods Administration

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a submission to the fact that I do not support any changes to the current regulations regarding Homeopathic products.

As a classified 'low risk' therapy, it serves no purpose to further reduce the access to homeopathics by consumers. To my knowledge, there has not been one death proven to be attributed to the use of homeopathic medicine. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for prescription medications. As you are well aware, iatrogenic causes are the third largest contributor to death in the western world. To further reduce the accessibility of such a low risk therapy is to go backwards in our progress towards better health. A progressive country does not reduce the rights of choice of the consumer, but should seek to provide UNBIASED information, fully informing the consumer to make their own decisions. As I understand it, the TGA's role is to protect public safety, not to make value judgements based on questionable data.

There has already been a massive reduction in the accessibility of Homeopathic products to consumers through deletion of homeopathics in pharmacies and health food stores. As such, only those who have prior knowledge or have been educated on the benefits of homeopathics choose to seek out qualified practitioners.

My own personal use of homeopathics over many years, has yielded me wonderful results. I also use pharmaceutical drugs when it is warranted, so I come from a viewpoint that there are many forms of therapy and healing that all produce benefits based on our individuality. Our choice to use them, especially when they are extremely low risk, should not be diminished.

I therefore choose Option 1 of the proposal to keep Homeopathy regulated the way it currently is and vehemently oppose Options 3 and 4.

Yours Sincerely,

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