

Dear Sir/madam,

I would like to submit my comments on the ‘Options for the Future Regulation of Low Risk Products’.

The TGA has classified homeopathic products as low risk products so far. I am convinced it is completely untimely to change this point of view, especially during the period where the commonwealth ombudsman is reviewing the findings of the NHMRC in regards of homeopathy.

As a practitioner of homeopathy I find the ongoing investigations in this country rather hostile and very much out of touch with international standards in regards of government regulations of homeopathy in other parts of the world. For example, the latest Swiss government report. This report has been not only comprehensive but the findings were also very much in favour of homeopathy.

I have been practicing for over 12 years as a registered practitioner In Australia with a very satisfied client base. My clients are well educated and proud to live in a country where diversity and freedom of choice is very much celebrated. The positive health changes and the knowledge of a well-regulated industry keeps them coming back as satisfied customers.

Option 1 (Keep homeopathy regulated the way it is) would be the most respected choice by Australian consumers and has my full support. Australians have the basic right to choose treatments which best suit them.

Government agencies should not regulate or restrict access to information about that treatment. The TGA’s role is to ensure that the products and treatments available to Australians are safe for use. Its role is not to decide what the Australian public can and cannot use especially when safety, as with homeopathy, is not the key issue

In regards to safety: there is no evidence to suggest that homeopathic medicines have harmed or contributed to the death of anyone. Homeopathy should not therefore be restricted by regulations used for “high-risk” pharmaceutical drugs.

For all of the above reasons, Option 4 of the consultation should not be adopted. Option 1 is the best way to proceed now.

Thank You for your time.