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I say No to the proposed TGA Option 4 Consultation because this is a blatant disregard for individual rights, my rights. I refer to rights that are mine, to be able to choose what best suits me and how I choose to go about the whole process. I do not want to be relegated to a position of being subjected to everyone else's views and opinions on my health and welfare because I believe I am smart enough to work things out for myself. Furthermore, I am appalled at life's present directions where individuals have so lost their ability to think for themselves that we now believe we have to save them from their own decisions. At what point, I ask, does responsibility rest with the individual?

I believe TGA's role is to advise, provide information, offer assistance where requested but never, take the role of parent. Independently, TGA's work is about preventing harmful substances being made available, yes, but this does not require action on Homoeopathy which is particularly harmless. So let's get the details correct. Misguided individuals, not prepared to take responsibility for their own lives, may want to be pandered to and treated like children, but I am not such a one.

I have experienced both ends of the spectrum with a parent that was so totally blinded by scientific, modern medicine that she chose to ignore the complete uselessness of drugs in her treatment and preferred to die, as I see it now, in a most uncomfortable manner. This was the beginning of my own turning towards Homoeopathy, though at the time I didn't realise this fact.

When my own daughter was becoming a drugged toddler for a simple case of Glue ear and continuous ear infections, I became desperate and this was the point at which I really did turn to Homoeopathy and I have never looked back. I have not used pain killers, nor antibiotics and no other form of drug for myself since then. My daughter is married with her own child and she prefers following allopathic treatment and I believe this to be her right. True Homoeopathy requires skill, time and patience, which is not a fit for her life

style, however for myself, after more than 20 years I know that I cannot return to that form of medicating where the cause is ignored in preference to the ailment. It's almost a case similar to that of bad parenting, by reinforcing the negative and ignoring the positives. I have seen Homoeopathy work quickly and effectively on children who cannot possibly have agendas such as we adults do. I know this works and what is more, harmlessly, so I cannot understand why such products can be thought of as harmful, unless by harmful there is a reference to lost business to drug companies.

In summation, I would like to stress that as a nation we owe it to our population to have the benefit of both realms. There are proper times for allopathic Medicine and then there are times for complimentary. Both have their uses and both need encouragement.

In view of this belief, I would appreciate open access to all self-help information on symptoms, ailments and treatments, on Homeopathy.

Homeopathic providers, free to provide information, on prescribing Homeopathic remedies.

Recognition of Homeopathic remedies as being harmless and therefore ridiculous to be considered for grouping with high risk medicines.

Consumer and user access to be simple and easily available

Encouragement for importation, exportation or manufacturing of homeopathic remedies by pharmacies and manufacturers via relaxed regulations

Question those seeking to restrict homeopathy for their agenda and not allow personal agendas to influence decisions on health by encouraging antagonistic complaints.

All together, these are my reasons why Option 4 of the consultation should not be adopted

