

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

11th May 2017

TGA decision on "Low Risk Products"

I wish to provide a written submission in favour of Option2 and absolutely oppose Option 4 in relation to Homeopathy treatments in Australia. This option keeps regulation the way it is but require scientific evidence for *high level claims* (my italics) - which I would think might be cancer prevention, mental health issues and emergency surgery procedures only.

I believe Homeopathics are a SAFE, low-cost, alternative approach to our current expensive, side-effects guaranteed medical approach. My own experience was after a diagnosis of Ross River Fever during 1 nights hospitalisation in the infectious diseases hospital, Alphington, Melbourne in 1983 or 1984. After being told "there was nothing that could be done" I chose Homeopathic treatment and within 2.5 months I was back at work and playing weekly competitive sport.

However, more recently (2016) my dog was bitten by a paralysis tick and taken to the vet for "standard treatment" - costing us \$900 odd. We were told it would be "very bad" for him to get another tick bite within the next 6 months. Unfortunately this happened (we live in a tick-prone part of Qld) about 4 months later - we now knew what being wobbly on his legs and unable to bark meant! Luckily I had heard from a friend the effectiveness of Homeopathy for paralysis tick bites so I followed this option. Just 3 days later at a cost of \$86 my dog was well and thriving again - I was so grateful.

I think we can all agree that dogs are not subjected to the same inherent 'belief' that I would accept I have and therefore cannot be "swayed" in his response to the treatment!

If you do choose to outlaw this approach to healing I will be racing out to buy supplies because while on a pension \$900 is out of the question next time. I also wish to be able to choose this approach in the future for myself given my experience of it's effectiveness. I have used Homeopathics since to treat Shingles, halving my episode length.

Kind regards

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