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## TGA submission on the regulation of low risk products

Dear Sir/Madam

I am extremely concerned that the future of homeopathy in Australia is at risk. It is vital that this effective, low-risk and popular modality ***continue to be regulated as it currently is.***

I am also very concerned that the TGA's decision-making is informed by the ***highly flawed NHMRC report*** about the effectiveness of homeopathy. The ***complaint to the Ombudsman*** asking that this report be rescinded is required reading for all TGA law-makers. See <https://www.hri-research.org/resources/homeopathy-the-debate/the-australian-report-on-homeopathy>

Despite all the fuss and skeptical nonsense in the media today about homeopathy, TGA law-makers need to be aware that it continues to thrive. Why? Because it provides an effective alternative. Most people inherently know or feel that pharmaceuticals are unnatural and 'wrong' for them, especially in the long-term. There are severe deficiencies in conventional medicines' armamentarium, particularly for the management of chronic disease. The amount of money wasted due to non-compliance with drugs is a universal scandal. The unscrupulous behaviour of drug companies is another. I know this because I practised as a pharmacist in both community and hospital settings, and also in regulatory and professional support roles for almost 30 years.

The general public, now much better-informed than in previous decades, has a rapidly-growing lack of faith in doctors and what they can offer. **Homeopathy fulfils a much-needed role and needs to be integrated into the conventional healthcare system. The result would be vastly lower costs and happier, healthier patients.**

Finally I would like to remind the TGA that its role is to protect public safety, not to make value judgments or restrict access to safe products that Australians freely choose to use as therapeutic goods.

Yours faithfully

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