

Options for the future regulation of “low risk” products May 2017

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the most recent proposed changes regarding the review of certain complementary medicine products: Vitamins and Minerals and Homeopathic products.

Regarding these proposed changes, I support Option 1. The regulatory requirement in Australia makes these products quite safe whilst allowing for more confidence in the high standards of quality and manufacturing. More so, there is support and protection available from the current system against poor quality products that may even lead to harmful side effects or reactions due to such poor quality.

If Part 3-3 of the Act succeeds in exempting vitamin and mineral supplementations this could allow manufactures to potentially lower their quality standards, leading to possible ineffectiveness, general distrust in the product or even industry and increasing the likelihood of needing to re-regulate and correct the issues after the issue has already arisen. Getting things right now is imperative rather than waiting for problems, in form of dubious quality leading to ineffectiveness and potential harm, to arise and only then trying to prevent further harm. Safety and quality should always be a top priority.

Thank you for your time.