

Submission to TGA

Re: "Option for future regulation of low risk products"

This submission has been prepared to communicate importance of Homeopathy as part of traditional form of medicine. As well as response to proposed by TGA points regarding future of Homeopathy in Australia.

Homeopathy is a traditional medicine that has been around for over 200 years. It is very popular in many countries some of them are Switzerland, India, Germany, Pakistan, Mexico, Great Britain and Brazil. In some of these countries like India or Switzerland, it has the same status as conventional medicine. It is recognised by the World Health Organisation. On that basis it should be recognised in Australia as therapeutic option and treated the same way as any other relevant therapy and be available to everyone.

Under no circumstances should Homeopathy be removed as therapeutic option.

Only option 1 to keep Homeopathy regulated the way it is and option 2 to keep it the way it is but require scientific evidence for high level claims are acceptable.

I am opposed to option 3 to exempt Homeopathy from listing and also I am opposed to option 4 to declare homeopathic products NOT to be therapeutic goods. Both of these options are not acceptable.

Please take under consideration that one of the points mention by TGA, that is The UK government review cited in consultation paper was rejected by the UK Government and therefore should not have been mentioned to imply validity to its unaccepted conclusion.

Also recently there was a Swiss Report on Homeopathy concluding that "There is sufficient evidence for the preclinical effectiveness and the clinical efficacy of homeopathy and for its safety and economy compared with conventional treatment." – Why was this not included in the recommendations to give perspective and balance?

As a mum and practitioner this matter is very close and crucial for me. Homeopathy is safe, cheap and effective and should be continued to be accessible for people of Australia as part of traditional form of medicine.

Yours sincerely

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