

Submission to TGA re the regulation of 'low risk' therapeutic goods:

RE: HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICINES

8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

As a professional homeopathic practitioner and Australian consumer, I submit that I wish to see the current status of homeopathic medicines of being listed as a "low-risk therapeutic good", remain as it is.

I endorse the views of my professional Association, the Australian Homeopathic Association" with reference to this matter, and, as such, a full evaluation of the reasons to keep the listing the same can be seen in their submission.

To evaluate homeopathic medicines on the basis of the NHMRC report is erroneous to say the least, given that report required standards of evaluation far beyond other therapeutic goods and secondly that it is now subject to legal action.

It is the TGA's role I believe, to protect the public and not make evaluations of efficacy. I would also invite the TGA to examine the status of homeopathic medicines around the world. In countries like India homeopathic medicines are used alongside conventional treatment and the well-documented Cuban experience with using homeopathic medicine in disease-prevention programmes points to homeopathic medicines having an effective role in health care. I'm sure the AHA's submission will further outline the status of homeopathic medicine overseas.

Finally, I speak as a consumer and tax-paying member of the Australian public. Australia is supposedly a democratic country. It is *my* right to have the health care of my choosing, not the Australian Government's. The potential delisting of homeopathic medicines as a therapeutic good may inhibit MY right to access the health care material I want. This violation of our freedom in a democracy cannot be tolerated. Therefore, keep the status of homeopathic medicines as it is.

Yours sincerely,

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