

Homeopathy is a complementary medicine that I have used successfully with my family for the past ten years. I have used it myself this year, to alleviate the symptoms and speed up the recovery from vertigo, when my GP had told me there was not much I could do except to wait it out.

I used it this morning on my 8 year old son because he was getting anxious and upset about going to school. Today is the first of three NAPLAN tests he will sit for this week. He was crying and coming up with lots of reasons to avoid going to school when really, he was worried about the test. I used homeopathy, a liquid complex for anxiety, to help his system to regulate and calm. It worked within minutes! We were on our way to school ten minutes later. It was safe and accessible and simple.

I have used another liquid complex for earaches on numerous occasions with my son, knowing that it is effective and works quickly, is safe, simple to use, there are no side effects, and that there is no need to visit my GP and clog up the system.

Homeopathy is recognised by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the most popular and widely used complementary medicine worldwide. Entire communities depend on it for healthcare and the prevention of epidemic disease. Why would the TGA consider restricting the access of Australians to it? The TGA is there to protect safety in relation to medicines and treatment, not to restrict access to safe medicines.

I do not want self-help information about homeopathy and the symptoms and ailments it treats, restricted.

I do not want homeopathic prescribers to be stopped from providing that information, or prescribing homeopathic remedies.

I do not want regulations designed for high-risk medicines applied to homeopathy which, by the TGA's own description, is a "low-risk" medicine.

I do not want my access to homeopathic remedies restricted.

I do not want changes to the regulations that would inhibit, restrict, or deny the importation, exportation, or manufacture of homeopathic remedies by homeopathic manufacturers and pharmacies.

I do not want changes in the current regulations that would either encourage or make it easier for those antagonistic to homeopathy to lodge vexatious complaints.

For the above reasons, the TGA should adopt Option 1. Option 4 of the consultation should not be adopted.

Sincerely,



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