

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this submission in regards to the Consultation: Options for the future regulation of “low risk” products.

In regards to the studies put forth in the consultation paper it appears that there has been no consideration of the evidence of other studies done on the effects of homeopathic treatments.

The studies themselves that which TGA conducted even state that there was lack of evidence to show whether treatments were effective or not & yet it appears based on these lack of studies & data that the preferred option is option 4: – Declare homeopathic products not to be therapeutic goods. It appears that instead of accumulating factual studies such as this one here: <https://www.hri-research.org/resources/homeopathy-the-debate/the-swiss-hta-report-on-homeopathy/>

TGA is taking the easy way out by proposing such an extreme option as 3 & 4 consumers such as myself have the right to choose homeopathy for treatments, I strongly oppose the presented options 3 & 4 due to lack of evidence & data & support options 1 or 2 as the preferred option.

Please consider how important it is to have further independent studied done on homeopathic treatments for consumers instead of conducting baseless studies & using that in the consultation paper, further, the UK study cited in the consultation was thrown out in court so it makes no sense as to why this was included as evidence in the consultation paper.

The TGA’s dependence on the flawed [NHMRC Report on Homeopathy](#), which is currently being reviewed by an ombudsman because of irregularities that was ultimately rejected by the UK Parliament, indicates a potential bias by the TGA: the TGA has shown a preference for these questionable reports while omitting the positive [Swiss Homeopathy in Healthcare Report](#) from its consultation. Can this please be explained because it appears not really in the best interest of the public to have such important studies withheld in this report. It is extremely concerning that the demise of the manufacturing and pharmaceutical sector under Option 4 would effectively restrict community and practitioner access to homeopathic remedies, for this reason I strongly oppose options 3 & 4!

The TGA's role is to protect public safety, not to make value judgments or restrict access to safe products Australians freely choose to use as therapeutic goods.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.