

Concern over the implications of the TGA's 'Consultation: Options for the future regulation of 'low risk' products.

This submission is in support of Option 1. Keep homeopathy regulated the way it is. As a second option I also support Option 2. Keep it the way it is but require scientific evidence for high level claims

Homeopathy is a well trialled and tested medicine which has been used for hundreds of years and is used widely across the globe. Homeopathy is prescribed by professionals who take in depth consultations prior to prescribing 'low risk' medicines and in addition provides a basic first aid kit for at home treatment by lay persons.

It is important that Homeopaths in Australia can continue prescribing homeopathic medicines under Option 1 or Option 2. Homeopathy is a safe and 'low risk' complimentary medicine with strong evidence of its therapeutic effect. The Australian government has supported the education of Australian Homeopaths, if the TGA now changes their regulations regarding the categorisation of Homeopathic medicines this would destroy the livelihood of many highly educated and experienced professionals and in addition remove a safe and effective form of medicine for treating Australian's who choose to use Homeopathy as their chosen form of healthcare.

It has been noted that the consultation by the TGA includes flawed reports by NHMRC Report on Homeopathy which is currently under review by the ombudsman due to irregularities and UK Science and Technology Report which has been rejected by the UK Parliament. In addition, the fact that the Swiss Homeopathy in Healthcare report, highlighting positive effects of homeopathy has been curiously omitted. This suggests a biased view of the TGA in the 'Consultation: Options for the future regulation of 'low risk' products'.

This submission is in support of Option 1. Keep homeopathy regulated the way it is, I also support Option 2. Keep it the way it is but require scientific evidence for high level claims. I highly object to and reject Option 3. Exempt homeopathy from listing and reject Option 4. Declare homeopathic products NOT to be therapeutic goods.