[redacted]

10th May 2017

Department of Health
Therapeutic Goods Administration

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Homoeopathy Regulation

I have been using homoeopathy for over 20 years, both as a layperson and under the guidance of a professional homoeopath. I have seen it work very effectively on humans as well as animals. I have heard some people consider homoeopathy to be no more effective than a placebo, but how can that be the case with babies and animals? They have no expectations or understanding of homoeopathic preparations and yet the same result is achieved time and time again on different patients (human and animal) using the same preparations.

The NHMRC report on homoeopathy – currently being reviewed by an ombudsman due to the irregularities which indicate bias against homoeopathy is not a sound base for the TGA to base therapeutic decisions upon. The Swiss have done their own independent investigation and found it "*confirms homoeopathy as a valuable addition to the conventional medical landscape – a status it has been holding for a long time in practical health care.*" To quote the report's official conclusion: "*There is sufficient evidence for the preclinical effectiveness and the clinical efficacy of homeopathy and for its safety and economy compared with conventional treatment.*"

I strongly urge the TGA to adopt option 1 as preference or option 2, of their consultation paper, keeping homoeopathic product regulation as it currently stands.

As a free person living in a democratic country it is my right to choose which medical modality suits me and mine best on a case by case basis. To this end, I strongly oppose options 3 and 4.

I sincerely hope that evidenced based science, good judgement and an open mind prevail and that homoeopathy remains regulated as a therapeutic treatment available to all Australians.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]