Therapeutic Goods Administration P.O. Box 100 Woden ACT 2606

Re: Regulation change to Homeopathy

Dear Sir/Madam/Ms

As a life time consumer of homeopathic and alternative complementary healthcare and observer of the rampant use and abuse of synthetic drugs I believe no change is required to current status of Homeopathy/Homeopathic products. They remain one of the safest treatments available with a long standing respect of both effectiveness and lack of side effects when properly administered.

The NHMRC report on homeopathy is <u>highly dubious</u> in its findings and has been extensively <u>discredited</u>; is currently before the ombudsman for its recklessness and dismissal of standard scientific protocols in its findings, and with highly disreputable biased members at the time; <u>no value should be placed upon them</u> nor should it be considered in any way as a yardstick in considering this matter.

A responsible and ethical approach would rather be to refer to the most respected Swiss Homeopathy in Healthcare report which uses well-recognised research methods to assess real-world effectiveness. This report summarises the findings of a seven-year review of the evidence on homeopathy, conducted as part of a wider Program of Evaluation of Complementary Medicine. These extensive scientific studies culminated not only in the indisputable effectiveness of homeopathy but the inclusion of homeopathy under national health insurance cover.

Homeopathy along with several other Complementary Medicines have shown not only to be <u>safe and effective</u> but without the gross side effects which accompany many synthetic drug based treatments (all of which have side effects).

When properly reviewed I am sure an unbiased balanced assessment of the positive and effective place Homeopathy plays in our healthcare the current regulatory status should remain as is.

Regards