

I understand that part of the role of the TGA is to protect consumers' safety with regard to medicines and treatment. I am concerned that if Option 4 of the TGA Consultation is adopted I will no longer have access to homeopathic medicines and health care.

Homeopathy is my first choice healthcare and has been for more than thirty years. Our children have been treated homoeopathically. I use homeopathy for first aid with incidents such as broken toes to relieve pain and reduce swelling/ bruising and recovery time. I use homeopathy to treat many common conditions such as diarrhoea and coughs/colds. I have a homeopathic travel kit which has been used for seasickness, food poisoning, headaches and bowel disturbances among other problems that arise when travelling. One of the most significant health benefits to me is how homeopathy is effective for treating depression. A few years ago my husband had surgery for a stage 3 colo-rectal tumour. The doctors were amazed at how quickly he recovered from the surgery. He was using homeopathic medicines for pain relief and healing.

I know homeopathy is safe and effective. I wonder why Australia's TGA would want to deny consumers access to homeopathic healthcare when internationally homeopathy is recognised as valid. The TGA here currently regards homeopathic medicines as low risk. Other drug regulating authorities also regard homeopathic medicines as low risk. Why would the TGA want to change that?

If Option 4 was adopted I could no longer seek advice from a Homeopath. I do not want the TGA to restrict my access to homeopathic medicines and health care. I make informed choices about my healthcare.

*I urge you to consider leaving the status of homeopathic medicines 'low-risk' and not make any changes to the regulation. Option 1*