

Re OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE REGULATION OF LOW RISK PRODUCTS

I would like to recommend Option 1 – Maintaining present regulations for low risk products - specifically in regard to regulations regarding supply and use of homeopathic products.

I strongly oppose Options 3 and 4.

As a pharmacist and homeopath I advocate for free access to this safe and widely used form of natural medicine. Homeopathy is the second most widely used form of medicine world-wide and endorsed by WHO as a valid form of health care.

Opposition to this modality has been largely based on the flawed NHMRC Report on Homeopathy which is currently the subject of a detailed complaint to the ombudsman. Also on another flawed UK Science and Technology Report which has been rejected by the UK parliament. Consideration should be given to the Swiss Homeopathy in Healthcare Report.

Homeopathy is a safe, affordable and proven system of medicine. As a pharmacist it provides an option for the treatment of babies and young children suffering from coughs and colds for which there is no alternative in conventional medicine.

Restricting access to homeopathic medicine would not only wipe out the homeopathic manufacturing industry but also deprive a large number of practitioners of their livelihood and also prevent a huge number of consumers from using a safe and effective form of healthcare of their choosing.

Please do not change regulations regarding the use of these medicines which are very much “therapeutic products.”

Yours sincerely,
