

Thank you for the opportunity to express my deep concerns over the proposed reclassification of Homeopathic remedies by the TGA. My points for this are as follow.

- Homeopathy has a long history (230 years) and is still in use extensively throughout Britain, Europe, America and Australia. I, for one, have used it successfully for 35 years and credit it with my current excellent health, including only one bout of flu in 20 years, and that only when I could not access the homeopathic remedy required. I have become familiar with my own body's response and am able to generally prevent any escalation of symptoms through my choice of remedy. When less experienced, the success of outcome is much improved by consulting a Homeopath, trained to detect subtle manifestations of illness in the client, and this must continue to be available for those who choose this route. Support, and freedom of choice for those electing to take preventative steps must be maintained. I do not use homeopathy to the exclusion of other treatments available, including conventional medicine, but most definitely want to be able to select my response as I feel appropriate.
- As a society, we now face the repercussions of excessive use of pharmaceuticals, with side effects contributing to many complications; the reduction of the efficacy of antibiotics and the cost to the public purse via the health system causing much concern. When there are viable alternatives as attested to by many users of the complementary therapies, surely maintaining this variety is to be encouraged?
- Science is constantly making new discoveries and the research into the mind/body connection is already showing possible potential in swaying health outcomes. Health is strongly influenced by attitude and, has been already accepted by the TGA, homeopathy carries a low risk, but for those of us who use it successfully, it's benefits are without question. Whether it is mind over matter or the effect of the homeopathic is immaterial in this instance and can do little or no harm. To discount the potential benefits of homeopathic medicine at this stage is premature and short-sighted.

In summary, I want to reiterate that personal freedom of choice is a right to which we are all entitled, especially if the therapy offers little risk but has outcomes are enhanced through the consultation with trained professionals.

I urge the acceptance of Options 1 and 2 and the full rejection of Options 3 and 4.

Thank you for your time and I wish to add that I am not, myself, a Homeopath.

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