

# Public Consultation Submission Survey - Folate in Special Purpose Medical Foods

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is considering changing the regulation of certain products containing folate which will cause the removal of Neurofolin from the Australian market.

Neurofolin is for the dietary management of folate disorders, common in depression sufferers. The specific type of folate in Neurofolin has been shown in clinical trials to be safe and is effective in ameliorating the impairments in folate uptake and retention associated with a sizeable proportion of people suffering from depression.

The TGA is not worried about any health or safety issues with Neurofolin. Instead, it is worried that people might take Neurofolin to be a cure for depression and buy it instead of seeking appropriate medical support for depression.

Email address \*

First name \*

Surname \*

How long have you been using Neurofolin? \*

- Less than 1 month
- 1-3 months
- 6-12 months
- More than 12 months
- Havent used it yet

Was Neurofolin recommended to you by someone? \*

- Yes
- No

If you answered "Yes" to the question above: Who recommended Neurofolin to you?

- Your GP
- Your psychiatrist
- Your pharmacist
- Another medical preofessional

Do you believe Neurofolin is helpful for you? \*

- Yes
- No

## If you answered "Yes" to the question above: How have you found Neurofolin to be helpful for you?

Neurofolin has helped me function well during times of increased stress. I have been tested and have the predisposition to folate deficiencies and understand that this can contribute to increased anxiety and depression. Neurofolin has filled the gap for me in a way that no other product in Australia could.

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Are you concerned that the TGAs proposed change in regulation causing the removal of Neurofolin from the market would deprive you (or others) access to a product that you think should be available? \*

Yes

No

Is there anything else you would like to tell the TGA about your experience with Neurofolin or why it is important that it continues to be available?

Neurofolin being available in Australia has been wonderful and has made the product accessible to myself and other people that otherwise could not afford to import similar products or had to use products from unreputable companies overseas.

It makes no sense to me why the TGA would go to so much trouble to remove such a safe, evidence based effective product from the Australian market. It seems clear that it is a beaurocratic, self serving action that has little to do with any concern for the health and well being of Australians.

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Do you want your answers to be publicly viewable as part of the submission, or submitted on a private basis? \*

- Public, with my name publicly viewable
  - Public, with my name withheld from public view
  - Private
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