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Consultation: Options for the future regulation of 'low risk' products – in particular Homeopathic products and remedies.

I strongly oppose changes to the way homeopathy is regulated. **I totally support Option 1,** which is to keep homeopathy regulated the way it is.

I DO NOT SUPPORT OPTION 4. Homeopathic products <u>are</u> therapeutic goods.

My reasons are as follows:

My husband and I have only recently consulted a Homeopath. He has had psoriasis for a number of years. (Since about 1999) Allopathic medicine cannot cure this illness. My husband's condition was worsening over the years. He had scaly skin on his elbows and knees with the skin on his legs worsening. Our bedroom carpet would be covered in "scales" from this condition. After consulting a Homeopath and taking the remedy for only a short time, his lesions are nearly all gone and the skin has healed. This is the best he has been in more than 15 years.

I have a chronic lung complaint. I gave up following allopathic medicine after I was prescribed drugs that had the potential to cause me great harm – namely Voricanozole, which caused me to have visual problems. After reading the literature, I could have ended up with a detached retina. The medication I am presently taking from the Homeopath has no side effects and I am the best I have been in a number of years. This means that I will not be occupying a bed in a hospital to have pseudomonas treated with toxic intravenous antibiotics. The quality of my life has improved dramatically and I wish I had known the advantages of homeopathy many years ago.

My daughter had amenorrhea after stopping the contraceptive pill. This had gone on for nearly 6 months. She consulted our Homeopath and her problem has been rectified.

Homeopathic remedies are "low-risk" as per every drug regulating authority around the world. I wish to have freedom of choice with my health. **This is very important to me.**

Homeopathy is recognised by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the most popular and widely used complementary medicine in the world. Isn't this the preferred treatment of Queen Elizabeth and her family? The Queen Mother lived until she was 101. The TGA's Swiss counterpart has given homeopathy the same status as conventional medicine in regard to health insurance.

Working in Safety, Quality and Risk Management in a hospital before my retirement, I was acutely aware of the number of patients who were on cocktails

of Pharmaceutical drugs with an unknown outcome as to how the drugs would interact with each other. No wonder 330 people died in Victoria in 2015 of an overdose of prescription drugs.

There is no evidence to suggest that homeopathy has harmed or contributed to the death of anyone.

Please consider my opinions on this topic for the Health of the Australian people. Not everyone will choose this path but we need to have Freedom of Choice. Pharmaceutical Drugs have very poor outcomes in treating chronic diseases including autoimmune diseases.

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