

Having graduated as a Bachelor in Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery from SMT. C.M.P.H. Medical College. Mumbai. India, I have been practicing Homeopathy for more than 12 years now. It comes to me as a surprise when one questions its validity as a stream of medicine, when one, **haven't** learnt its philosophy and practice in depth. I surely recommend the decision makers to undergo 5 and half years of curriculum studies, that I have done and then decide.

Homeopathic Medicine is a Traditional medicine used worldwide recognized by World Health Organisation. On that basis alone it should be recognized as a therapeutic option. Under no circumstances should Homeopathy be removed as a therapeutic option.

The TGA has the ability and discretion to recognize Traditional forms of medicine and not just evidence based therefore it should continue to do so in the case of Homeopathy.

The NHMRC report set a higher standard to Homeopathy than the TGA currently use to assess efficacy and will use in the future to assess efficacy and therefore should not have been mentioned in this consultation paper as it is misleading and not relevant.

The NHMRC report is subject to a complaint to the Ombudsman and therefore should not have been cited in this consultation paper.

The UK government review cited in consultation paper was rejected by the UK Govt. and therefore should not have been mentioned to imply validity to its unaccepted conclusion.

There was a Swiss Report on Homeopathy which stated, "**There** is sufficient evidence for the preclinical effectiveness and the clinical efficacy of homeopathy and for its safety and economy **compared with conventional treatment.**" – Why was this not included in the recommendations to give perspective and balance?