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To the TGA,

I write to express my interest in having homeopathy continue in Australia as a therapeutic option for the general public to choose for themselves. We have a right to freedom and choice within our healthcare system. Furthermore I would like to inform the evaluators or persons involved in the regulation of low risk products that homeopathics are beneficial as they are:

1. Gentle enough for babies, pregnancy and the elderly
2. Have very little side effects if any
3. Are very cheap and cost effective
4. Are endorsed by WHO
5. Have been studied and found effective in several European countries (Austria, France, Denmark, Luxemburg, some UK states) where they are even subsidised by the governments. India places homeopathics in their medical system and it is legally on par with conventional medicine.

It is worth noting one of the largest homeopathic studies ever done was on 2.5 million people in 2007 in Cuba to prevent a leptospirosis outbreak during an outbreak after hurricanes hit. They could not afford vaccinations for their entire population so they gave a homeopathic vaccination instead, as a preventative measure. They were given two doses, two weeks apart. The results showed only 10 people out of 2.5 million contracted leptospirosis and there were NO mortalities. Usually there are hundreds dead annually due to leptospirosis. It was so effective the government had it repeated in 2008 with equal results. The homeopathics only cost the government \$200K, instead of \$2m (for vaccinations and antibiotics). Statistically this is a hundreds to thousands of lives during tropical flooding, and is one example of the value of homeopathics.

Please review homeopathy with consideration to choice, and allow the Australian people access to therapeutic homeopathics.

Kind regards,

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