

Submission to the Therapeutic Goods Administration

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Regarding Homeopathy

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I understand the TGA is considering the status of Homeopathy and considering 4 options.

I strongly urge the TGA to opt for Option #4, and declare that Homeopathic products are NOT therapeutic goods.

My reasons are based on the fact that no homeopathic remedy has been proven to be any more efficacious than placebo and there is no peer-reviewed scientific data to support any claims of its efficacy. Government funds and health care funds could be saved by not supporting this practice that is little more placebo. In fact, supporting Homeopathy as a therapeutic goods material is dangerous as it may give credence to it in the eyes of the public and people may opt to use it instead of seeking scientifically-proven advice from a health-care professional.

Success that is no better than Placebo is not success, but gives people a false sense of hope. We should not be wasting tax-payers money on it, or using funds from health insurance companies to support it.

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