

To whom it concerns

In late 2011, the Swiss government conducted the most comprehensive evaluation of homeopathic medicine ever written by a government. Their report was published in book form in English (Bornhoft and Matthiessen, 2011). This breakthrough report affirmed that homeopathic treatment is both effective and cost-effective and that homeopathic treatment should be reimbursed by Switzerland's national health insurance program.

Accordingly, regarding the TGA Consultation: Options for the future regulation of 'low risk' products, I strongly support **Option 1: Keep homeopathy regulated the way it is.**

The other options will be detrimental to the well being and freedom of consumers.

I am against Option 2 because: Requirement for "scientific evidence" for high level claims will put the manufacture of homeopathics exclusively in the hands of multinational pharmaceutical giants, reducing public accessibility to many homeopathic medicines, and destroying the livelihoods of hundreds of homeopathic practitioners. The efficacy of homeopathics has been verified by its long history of use. Publishing of claims helps consumers to access appropriate medicines and make informed choices.

I am against Options 3 and 4 because: Homeopathy medicines should not be exempted for listing as therapeutic because they are therapeutic. They are a cost effective health care alternative which must remain available to consumers and their efficacy has been proven.

Sincerely

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