

To whom it concerns,

I write to you in response to your request for feedback on the potential regulatory options for low risk products, and specifically how they may be applied to Homeopathic products.

I find it very difficult to believe that the TGA is even considering not recognizing Homoeopathic medicine as a therapeutic option. Homoeopathy is used by millions of people worldwide every day.

I believe the TGAs Proposed Amendments to not recognize Homoeopathic Medicine as a therapeutic option is based on the NHMRC report. The Homoeopathic Research Institute (HRI) has revealed that the NHMRC report is full of flaws to the extent of not conducting the review in keeping with the guidelines they set themselves.

I find it very difficult to understand that the TGA could even consider making decisions which have no true research to base these claims on. If this situation was not so serious it would be laughable. Especially as this decision will be affecting thousands of people in Australia and their choice of medical treatment.

The Australian people come from a broad range of cultural backgrounds and for many Homeopathic treatment goes back many generations and why? Because, Homoeopathy works! If Homoeopathy wasn't effective millions of people worldwide wouldn't be using it as their primary health care.

We know that holistic and complimentary health care in Australia is increasingly in popularity as a first choice health option. The popularity of Homeopathy in Australia as a first choice of treatment is also increasing.

Homeopathy, therefore, should continue to be recognized as a therapeutic option under TGA administered regulations. I propose that Option 1 be adopted, which provides a balance between regulatory requirements and consumer confidence in quality, effectiveness and safety.

Yours Sincerely

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