

# Integrative Veterinarians of Australia

SUBMISSION TO TGA IN CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFICATION OF  
HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINES.

10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam,

As president of the Integrative Veterinary Association (IVA), a special interest group of the Australian Veterinary Association I wish to document our rejection for Option 4. Whilst the classification of medicines through the TGA has no direct impact on the provision and use of Veterinary medicines and substances, as registered veterinary surgeons we are quite concerned about the impact of your decision to reclassify homeopathic medicines in your current review process.

As the peak body for therapeutic goods registration to medical professionals in Australia, the actions and decisions of the TGA will filter into other areas that will potentially adversely affect decisions made in veterinary medicines.

**For this reason we urge your review committee to reject the option number 4 (below) in this current review**

Option 4 – Declare homeopathic products NOT to be therapeutic goods.

It is clear that this option has no rational basis as a significant and growing body of research and data demonstrates quite clearly that homeopathic medicines ARE therapeutic goods. Classifying them otherwise is failing to recognize the important contribution to health care that these medicines provide to the Australian public. We are more than happy to provide your committee with a body of research that clearly shows homeopathic medicines to be therapeutic goods.

Yours truly,

**Dr. Catherine Harvey BVMS Vet MF HOM.**

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