

It is a concern that TGA is considering removing Homeopathy as a health care choice.

It is unacceptable that my family and me have our right to choose from a range of health care options, including homeopathy, as an important part of the mix, questioned and potentially removed.

Despite the not so favourable 'review' which is now subject to Ombudsman complaint, and rightly so, I have found it very effective for treating certain health problems, eg. some time ago I could not stop coughing, tried everything allopathic, and a range of other modalities and remedies, the only thing that worked within an hour was a homeopathic remedy prescribed by an experienced homeopath, who took about an hour to assess the cause of the problem, to arrive at the best remedy. Why would one consider removing this option?

TGA needs to support proper unbiased studies to correct the latest Homeopathic review, as the inaccuracies have since been pointed out about how that was undertaken. It would be unfair and unjust to ban Homeopathy in Australia based on this incorrect study.

Homeopathy has a proven 200 year history, even the Queen and royal family are said to use it, no one could accuse them of lacking intelligence or discrimination about using a health modality if it had no merit.

In the United Kingdom there are five homeopathic hospitals working within the National Health Service, some of them with a two-year waiting list for non-emergency visits to a homeopath. Sure there has been concerted efforts by so called sceptics, and it would appear they have ties to pharmaceutical manufacturers and strangely enough the GMO industry.

In Switzerland the Swiss Federal Office for Public Health issued a report to the government of Switzerland which concluded that “the effectiveness of homeopathy can be supported by clinical evidence, and professional and adequate application be regarded as safe”

In France one of the most advanced countries in health/medical field Homeopathy is it is the leading alternative therapy, 70 percent of physicians are receptive to homeopathy and consider it effective, at least 25,000 physicians prescribe homeopathic medicines for their patients. Homeopathy is taught in at least seven medical schools: Besancon, Bordeaux, Lille, Limoges, Marseille, Paris-Nord, and Poitiers, and there are numerous postgraduate training programs. Courses in homeopathy are taught in 21 of France's 24 schools of pharmacy, and also taught in two dental schools, two veterinary medical schools, and three schools of midwifery. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dana-ullman/homeopathic-medicine-euro_b_402490.html

In Germany 10 percent of German doctors specialize in homeopathy, with approximately 10 percent more prescribing homeopathic remedies on occasion

TGA's primary role has to be to protect public safety, not to make value judgments or restrict access to safe products Australians freely choose to use as therapeutic goods.

Clearly Option 1 is the preferred option, myself, family strongly oppose Options 3 & 4.