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The World Health Organization supports the use of traditional medicines and Australia is a signatory to the WHO charter. The TGA should not attempt to ban traditional medicines or disparage them and manipulate the public into only using medications manufactured by large pharmaceutical companies.

We can clearly see that by doing this the TGA is prejudicing the public's choices. The NHMRC Homeopathy Review applied a much higher level of evidence than the TGA does for its scientific evidence. It ignored much evidence of efficacy. It was clearly an unbalanced review. Many countries have traditional medicines as part of their public medical systems, including homeopathy.

Many patients have reported to me that they have gained benefits from traditional medicines including homeopathy but they have not reported adverse effects from homeopathy. However, thousands of people every year are hospitalised in Australia from the side effects of pharmaceutical medications, which the TGA does not disparage.

Switzerland, is giving homeopathy the same status as conventional medicine by May 2017 so the Australian TGA seems to be trying to go in the opposite direction to the rest of the world (See: https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/society/complementary-therapies_swiss-to-recognise-homeopathy-as-legitimate-medicine/42053830). The TGA consultation paper selectively excludes any mention of the Swiss situation, or the widespread inclusion of homeopathy in multiple other international jurisdictions. Qualitative as well as quantitative research is part of evidence based medicine. This makes Australia look embarrassingly backward and corrupt in the government allowing the profits of drug companies to dictate the medicine to which Australians may have access.

The job of the TGA is to screen for toxicity, not to set itself up as judge and jury, for which it is not equipped, about what may be therapeutic and what may not. In attempting to disparage homeopathy it is over-stepping its remit.

The TGA should keep homeopathy regulated the way it is at the moment and stop trying to damage the natural medicine industry.