

Submission 8: Submitted by multiple organisations/individuals separately

Re: Access to Homeopathic medicines in Australia

I have been informed that there is currently a **consultation process** underway that includes proposed changes to the way homeopathic medicines are regulated that has the potential to dramatically affect the availability of homeopathic medicines in Australia.

There are 4 options under consideration:

Option 1: leave homoeopathy as it currently is (preferred option).

Option 2: requires higher scientific evidence for high therapeutic claims and is reasonable and acceptable option.

Option 3: exempt certain homeopathics from having to be listed providing the traditional use of homoeopathic medicines continues to be acknowledged and preserved.

Option 4: declare homeopathic products not to be therapeutic goods. This would mean that over the counter homeopathic medicines would be severely restricted and the changes involved would drive many homeopathic companies to closure. All educational material and Indications for use of remedies would become illegal, have to disappear and homeopathic remedies would not be accessible over the counter anymore.

In regards to the 4 above options - I strongly agree with Option 1& 2 and strongly disagree with Options 3 and 4

All forms of natural medicine including homeopathics, naturopathics etc should be accessible to all Australians and it is extremely important that Freedom of Medical Choice is retained for all Australians as well.

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