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Submission to TGA regarding Homoeopathic Practice

I write to demand that homoeopathic practice be maintained as a valid alternative medicine modality. Regardless of what you may deem has not been proven to be scientifically effective or true, neither is it being claimed that it is dangerous. God has not been proved to be true, and yet this country is based on a religion that follows this doctrine. On this basis of this alone, that it HAS NOT BEEN PROVED TO CAUSE ANY HARM, I demand my right to use this complementary medicine. Even if it be placebo, its my right to choose a safe (and in my opinion effective) placebo.

This is a valid healing profession and option that has a proven record of safety, used and encouraged by The Royal Family for many generations. This is still a commonwealth! Or have we forgotten!

I have used homeopathy for myself, my family and my friends for over 30 years. Many, many times medical options were not available or safe and yet results using homeopathy brought relief.

My daughter had an asthma attack suddenly at 5. We received emergency hospital at hte time, but the only option from the medical profession for long term addressing the issue was LIFE-LONG treatment with cortico-steroids! This was not an option for me.

Homoeopathic treatment was so successful (along with carrying a puffer "just in case" for the whole of primary school) that after never having an attack that whole time we realised she was clear. Without homeopathics she would have been on cortico-steroids her whole life, with no need, and all the adverse side effects of those.

My submission would be very long if I were to state all these occurences for my family, but effective results have been obtained where western medicine failed, many times over.... bringing down fevers, working when antibiotics didnt (eg. UTI infections), reducing pain, childhood illnesses, flu, eczema, bowel/gastro issues.... the list is endless.

Homoeopathic treatment is recognised by the World Health Organisation as a valid alternative medicine practice, and as such, the TGA shouldn't even be considering reducing its status in this country, thereby denying access by me and my family to our preferred mode of treatment.

I fear that the TGA may be placing too much weight on the recent NH&MRC report that claimed that homoeopathic medicine isn't effective. Its benchmark was not commensurate with standards used for other modalities.

I can personally attest to the effectiveness of many homoeopathic treatments over the past 30 years.


My worry is that that study used a higher level of efficacy than what is used for other studies and I understand that the results have been challenged and are subject to an enquiry so please don't use this report. The TGA should instead consider the Swiss Report on Homoeopathy which was much more scientifically based and balanced.

Please make sure that my right to seek homoeopathic consultations and treatments is maintained as it's the best treatment I have found for myself and my family for over 30 years, as well as many of my friends who can attest to its efficacy.

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Further more there are these facts below that in and of themselves should be grounds for disallowing any changes to current legislation.

faithfully yours.

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- Homeopathic Medicine is a Traditional medicine used worldwide recognized by World Health Organisation. On that basis alone it should be recognized as a therapeutic option. Under no circumstances should Homeopathy be removed as a therapeutic option.
 - The TGA has the ability and discretion to recognize Traditional forms of medicine and not just evidence based therefore it should continue to do so in the case of Homeopathy.
 - The NHMRC report set a higher standard to Homeopathy than the TGA currently use to assess efficacy and will use in the future to assess efficacy and therefore should not have been mentioned in this consultation paper as it is misleading and not relevant.
 - The NHMRC report is subject to a complaint to the Ombudsman and therefore should not have been cited in this consultation paper.
 - The UK government review cited in consultation paper was rejected by the UK Govt. and therefore should not have been mentioned to imply validity to its unaccepted conclusion.
 - There was a Swiss Report on Homeopathy which stated “There is sufficient evidence for the preclinical effectiveness and the clinical efficacy of homeopathy and for its safety and economy compared with conventional treatment.” – Why was this not included in the recommendations to give perspective and balance?

- **8 submissions were received using the template above or variations of this template.**
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 - 4 selected “Do not publish my name or work title or my submission on the TGA website”
 - 1 did not select any publishing option or include a cover letter.
- **2 organisations/individuals indicated that their submissions could be published on the TGA website, including their name and work title as it appears on their submission.**