

To the TGA in regards to proposed changes to the status of Homeopathy in Australia and Homeopathic remedies. [REDACTED] and currently studying Homeopathy and Naturopathy and Chinese Medicine, I am writing to you as I am extremely concerned that I may not be able to work in my chosen holistic career field once my studies are completed and feel Option 4 threatens my future and that of my 7 children.

My Personal testimony

..I have used many different homeopathic remedies over the years with my own children. I have been able to treat severe Croup Respiratory infections with Aconite, Spongia and Hepar Sulph, Teething tantrums with Chamomilla and Pulsatilla, Bumps and bruises and assist in the rapid healing of multiple sports injuries via the use of Aconite, Arnica and Hypericum. Gastroenteritis with Ipeccac and Nux Vom. Coughs with Arsen Alb and Ant Tart. Mastitis with Aconite and Phytolacca and many other illnesses and complaints. Homeopathy has always sped up the healing processes and shortened significantly the duration of the complaints. Often only one pill is needed for rapid change and health to return. I do not know where I would be without Homeopathics!

Homeopathy is recognised by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the most popular and widely used complementary medicine worldwide. Entire communities depend on it for healthcare and the prevention and often treatments of epidemic diseases and to minimise the duration and spread of viral infections. That being so, why would the TGA consider restricting the access of Australians to it?

In my experience homeopathic Products like Brauer Childrens Cold, cough, Calm and teething relief, Stomach Calm and IBS Eze sprays are popular because they work and treat where no conventional drug works as they are used for viral infections or fevers or clingy sick toddler behaviours to which anti-biotics do not help. These actually work and help. I implore you not to take away parents rights to ease their childrens ailments or conditions.

(The Swiss Report on Homeopathy says, "There is sufficient evidence for the preclinical effectiveness in the clinical efficacy of homeopathy and for its safety and economy compared with conventional treatment." That being the case, why did the TGA exclude this favourable report from its consultation paper yet refer to two negative reports, one of which is currently before an Australian ombudsman for bias and irregularities, and the other, already rejected by the UK Parliament?)

We should be provided with access to more information not less and required to receive more in depth information during consultations via Qualified Homeopaths. It does not make sense to take away an individuals right to making an informed choice as to whether or not to use homeopathics.

By not recognizing homeopathic remedies as therapeutic goods in Option 4 of the consultation, the TGA will be out of step with other governments, worldwide, who do.

Why is there a double standard in regulation of conventional drugs, herbs and non-conventional medicines or remedies?

Why is it expected that homeopathy has to provide a much higher standard of evidence than that set for other therapies or medicines – conventional or complementary?

And why are clinical and controlled trials ignored and importantly evidence and endorsement of use and safety of homeopathics from Governments around the world not accepted or taken seriously?

The right to choose and Safe products..

As Australians we should have the basic right to choose treatments which best suit us or our children. As there are no legitimate safety concerns with homeopathy as it is diluted so much that there should not be any reason for the TGA to be concerned about its use or promotion and rather it should be endorsed as it actually fulfills the Hippocratic Oath "First Do No Harm" something the majority of Pharmaceutical conventional drugs do not adhere to. Government agencies should not regulate or restrict access to vital information about safe alternative treatment options, therapies or medicines. Just like we have the right to choose what food we eat, what schools our children attend, what surgery we agree to, where we live, and what religion we subscribe to, and what intervention or therapy we use for ourselves or our children. I believe we should have the right to accept or reject both conventional treatments and medicine and non-conventional treatments and medicines. Especially, in the case of Homeopathics which have been proven to be harmless and actually may be of benefit to restoring the body back into correct balance and health.

Homeopathy is used worldwide and many other countries rely on it for treating and controlling epidemics and for general health management, many other governments acknowledge the benefits of homeopathy. Why put a ban on something that actually works and helps heal the patient from the inside out instead of just a bandaid approach.

Studies into concern of over use of Panadol or Ibuprophen in children showed if children are given too much panadol it can be dangerous, have multiple short and long term side-effects and in rare cases be fatal. See below

(<http://www.abc.net.au/health/features/stories/2014/10/30/4118124.htm> this should be a reason to endorse side-effect free and safe homeopathics as a non-conventional option for Parents to use.,

Its about having a choice in our healthcare and that of our children. Not everyone chooses to use Homeopathy but for those that do and have tried everything else to no avail and finally had success with Homeopathy, their right to use it and learn more about it should not be taken away from them!

Unlike prescription drugs which have serious documented side-effects Homeopathic remedies are safe.

I personally have found them extremely effective where no other treatments have worked. They are safe and have no side effects. There are no known or suspected contraindications or drug interactions between homeopathic and conventional medications.

Homeopathy should not be restricted by regulations used by "high-risk" drugs when even the TGA classes them as low risk.

I leave this letter in your hands for your careful consideration, Respectfully Yours,

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