

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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Homeopathy

I am surprised that the TGA would consider declaring homeopathic remedies not to be therapeutic. These remedies have been used for centuries. The health of the British Royal Family is evidence that such remedies assist a long well life.

There have been horrific stories of how conventional medicines have adversely affected human beings, yet TGA does not wish to ban conventional medicine on the basis that it is not therapeutic. There have been a number of occasions when 'scientific' studies have been based on false data yet TGA still sees these studies as acceptable. There have been sensational stories in the media about homeopathy but it is not the remedy but its use that has been a problem. It should be obvious if a remedy is not working then you need to get further advice.

Not all practitioners are equal. This is true in every field. There have been sensational cases of medical malpractice causing death, disfigurement and suffering but no one suggests medical doctors should be banned.

Just because something is in competition with conventional medicine does not make it bad or something that should be subject to unfounded adverse comments. Of course, practitioners of conventional Western medicine who don't also use alternative medicines would speak against rival forms of healing. How else could they protect their jobs and livelihoods. Such protests don't make them right. I have not seen any credible evidence that homeopathic medicine does harm. It may not cure the problem. To say people bear no responsibility for their own health and should hand over their lives and wellbeing to a medical practitioner is to treat people as children.

Perhaps TGA should look into why so many people look to alternate forms of healing and shun conventional medicines which have caused so much harm.

It would seem appropriate to keep homeopathy regulated the way it is or, for higher level of claims, to require peer reviewed scientific evidence.

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