

Department of Health

Therapeutic Goods Association

Submission – Maintaining availability of Homeopathic Medicines in Australia

I believe there is currently a **consultation process** underway that includes proposed changes to the way homeopathic medicines are regulated. These changes may if fact, have the potential to dramatically affect the availability of homeopathic medicines in Australia.

I strongly believe and support to leave homoeopathy as it currently is.

As a consumer of homeopathic medicine I find it a reasonable and acceptable option to carry out further scientific investigation to produce higher scientific evidence to support the therapeutic claims. I am a strong believer in the validity and use of homeopathic preparations and certainly they hold an important place in the world of health.

I strongly disagree with the exemption of certain homeopathic preparations from having to be listed providing the traditional use of homoeopathic medicines continues to be acknowledged and preserved.

I also strongly disagree that homeopathic products not be declared as therapeutic goods. This would mean that 'over the counter' homeopathic preparations would possibly be severely restricted to the consumer. The proposed changes involved may also have a detrimental effect on homeopathic companies and restrict consumers from being able to make an informed personal choice of remedies. It would also mean access to educational material and Indications for its use of the remedies would possibly become illegal in the future.

The ongoing access to homeopathy is very important to consumer and they should have the right to choose what type of remedies and preparations they so believe in.

Kind regards

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