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Submission re: Consultation - Options for the future regulation of low risk products

I urge the TGA to refrain from making any recommendations or issuing any regulations which would make it more difficult for Australians to

1. access information about homeopathy and/or homeopathic treatments
2. practice homeopathy professionally

I am particularly concerned about Option 4, currently under consideration. I absolutely reject this option as not being in the best health interests of Australians.

No rational reason or evidence has been offered for restricting access to the practice of homeopathy when viewed from a health perspective. I and many others that I know have personally benefited from using homeopathy. A small but growing evidence base for homeopathic practice is also freely available. Furthermore, as a very low-risk health modality, restriction is unnecessary and violates my right to choose medical treatment.

Lastly, it would be an utter disgrace if the TGA based any decision on the flawed NHMRC report. Further action based on this report would surely seriously impact on the already diminished credibility of the TGA.

I have no doubt that any restriction on the availability and/or practice of homeopathy would undermine an increasingly fragile trust in the TGA.

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