

It is of the utmost importance that consumers have choice when it comes to healthcare. There are a range of traditional medicines that have been proven to be beneficial either as supplementary or primary courses of treatment for illness and ongoing health.

In our family's personal experience, we have had success with utilising Homeopathy. We are also aware of several people within our everyday lives that have had the same successes.

Homeopathy is recognised as a traditional medicine under the WHO and should therefore remain as a therapeutic option.

The TGA has no cause to restrict access to Homeopathy, or any other form of traditional, complementary or alternative medicine, based on standards much higher than those of the TGA itself.

The NHMRC report that is being cited in this consultation, is subject to a complaint to the Ombudsman. It should never have been mentioned in this paper.

This submission is to outline the fact that I agree with the current stance on Homeopathy, and that it should stay that way. Under the regulatory options currently being considered, number 1 would be the optimal choice.

I am in very strong opposition to number 4, that is, Declare homeopathic products NOT to be therapeutic goods. The TGA is not in a position to pass such a judgement. If a judgement is to be passed, at least include other studies such as the Swiss Report on Homeopathy, to provide balance and perspective with which to make a decision.