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To whom it may concern

I have been using homeopathy for more than 40 years, on 3 continents, in many countries. I have found it to be extremely effective at times, and less so at others – a fact, that can be easily explained by the very way that homeopathy works.

A therapeutic process that is so completely individual (meaning that the same remedy will not successfully treat the same symptom on many people, because of other factors that make the way patient 1 experiences a condition different from the way patient 2 experiences it) is not suited to the way western medicine sets up their trials.

Yet, while it would be easy to dismiss homeopathy, simply based on these ‘negative’ results in clinical trials, it would be foolhardy to dismiss a system that has been around for hundreds of years and that enjoys full government support in other modern Western societies like Switzerland.

Are those who consider homeopathy quackery suggesting that the Swiss, famous for their straight and no-nonsense approach to the world, sanction treating their ill homeopathically, without good reason?

As it is, homeopathy is barely supported in Australia, making it quite difficult for those of us, who enjoy gentle, non-toxic, effective treatment, to access homeopathic remedies beyond those mass produced to try and fit into the ‘one product helps every patient’ mould.

Pushing homeopaths even further to the fringe of natural therapies will not make homeopathy safer, it won’t protect anyone and it won’t dissuade those who use it. It will, however, take away a low cost, low risk treatment and thereby put more pressure on the Australian medical system by conveying the message that antibiotics really are the only way to treat...

I call on the TGA to adopt option 1 or 2 of their consultation paper regarding the future regulation of homeopathic products.

Yours sincerely,

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