Dear Sir/ Madame,

I want to make this submission to the TGA in response to the Consultation on “Low Risk Products”. I would like to state my support of option 1 in this Consultation.

I am a Homeopathic practitioner for 16 years and a supporter of its benefits to the population because of the success I have had in a clinic situation.

In relation to the potential impacts on public health I see this as low risk impact because of the process of potentisation which renders Homeopathic medicines to be greater than 4X. Homeopathic medicines use the vibrational element in its preparation to achieve its therapeutic effects therefore having insufficient substance matter in the medicine to be harmful. To my knowledge there aren’t any reported deaths or serious illnesses attributed to the taking of a homeopathic medicine. Further to this is the process of certification of a new homeopathic which is called a Proving. A Proving is a group of people (usually 20 participants or more) given a Homeopathic medicine who have do not have any communication with each other and a supervisor records what reactions each participant feels. So the Homeopathic medicine has been tested on real human participants without adverse reaction.

For a homeopathic medicine to be the most successful, they should be dispensed through a professional Homeopath after taking a thorough consultation. This will ensure the best results rather than amateur prescribing on insufficient symptoms and patient history. When Homeopathic medicines are wrongly prescribed they simply don’t have any effect. Thus creating a belief in a sceptics that the Homeopathy is ineffective where really the problem lies in the fact that it was poorly analysed. For this reason I feel that Homeopathic prescribing should be done by qualified Homeopaths.

In conclusion I feel the TGA should adopt option 1 and keep Homeopathy regulated the way it is.

Yours sincerely

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