

Submission to 'TGA Consultation'

In relation to 'Consultation: Options for the future regulation of 'low risk' products' that is now under consideration, I would like to express my strong opposition to Options 3 and 4. I have used homeopathy for the whole of my adult life - and I am in my sixties. On the other hand, while I have always had to contribute to the maintenance of medicare through my taxes, I use it very rarely.

If the TGA's function is to protect the public, why are they considering penalising those who choose to use homeopathy which has been beneficial to so many and does not do harm? Iatrogenesis is said to be the 3rd leading cause of death in the US and "official Australian government reports reveal that preventable medical error in hospitals is responsible for 11% of all deaths in Australia.(1, 2), which is about 1 of every 9 deaths."(Ron Law, Executive Director of the NNFA, in New Zealand and member of the New Zealand Ministry of Health Working Group). I wonder where homeopathy sits in comparison.

I wish to express support for Option 1. Either of the last 2 options would be an attack on the right to choose health care and smacks of some kind of vested interest.