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To whom it may concern,

My name is Rex Campbell. I am a naturopath at The Tonic Tree multi-modality clinic in Berwick, Victoria. My thoughts, feelings and opinions represent my own as well as those of [REDACTED], the principle Naturopath here at The Tonic Tree. I have been made aware that there is currently a consultation process underway that includes proposed changes to the way homeopathic medicines are regulated that has the potential to dramatically affect the availability of homeopathic medicines in Australia.

I understand that there are four options under consideration:

1. Option one: to leave homeopathy as it currently is;
2. Option two: require that higher scientific evidence be presented in order for higher therapeutic claims to be made;
3. Option three: exempt certain homeopathics from having to be listed providing the traditional use of homeopathic medicines continues to be acknowledged and preserved;
4. Option four: declare homeopathic products not to be therapeutic goods.

I am in favour of options one (to maintain the status quo) and two (to require higher scientific evidence in order to make higher therapeutic claims). I believe that options three and four are not in the best public interest, and therefore I am strongly opposed to them.

I have found that homeopathic medicines can provide impressive and significant improvements in health and wellbeing; both in my own and my families health, as well as in that of my patients. I value homeopathic medicines as they have an excellent safety profile and yet can be surprisingly effective. I say surprising because initially when using them (having had no previous experience with taking them) I had an appropriate level of scepticism towards their efficacy. But upon taking them I have found some very significant improvements in my wellbeing, i.e. a reduction in stress and improvement in mood and emotional health. Upon recommending them to my patients, I have had even more impressive results and increasingly find homeopathic medicines to be effective and reliable. Without homeopathic medicines my patients would be at a severe disadvantage as there are improvements that I can achieve with homeopathic medicines that are impossible to replicate in any other way.

I earnestly and sincerely request that you maintain the status quo or introduce option two outlined above, for the benefit, health and wellbeing of the Australian's that utilise homeopathic medicines.

Sincerely Yours,

Rex Campbell – Naturopath at The Tonic Tree Multi-modality Clinic