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## Consultation Submission on Regulation of Autologous Stem Cell Therapies:

Thank you for your consideration of my brief submission regarding  
REGULATION OF AUTOLOGOUS STEM CELL THERAPIES: Discussion  
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In October 2013 results of a blood test showed that I had a medical condition which could possibly adversely affect my lifestyle and my ability to remain an independent, healthy, contributing member of Society. I have always been physically active and this prognosis was quite worrying for me.

My enquiries regarding current, available treatment/management strategies, (costly medications which, with prolonged use, have shown to have serious adverse effects for some patients) did nothing to lessen my concern. I felt quite overwhelmed by the whole situation.

In October 2014 I had the opportunity to undergo autologous stem cell therapy which has given me peace of mind, and hopefully will negate the necessity to have to undertake other costly medical treatments in the future, thus ensuring that I continue to be an active, contributing member of Society and do not become a drain on the public purse, i.e. (cost of Drugs; accessing Allied Health Services and Community Support.)

The fact that autologous stem cell therapy is available in Australia, as a treatment option, is, I believe respecting my rights as an individual to choose "what treatment regime to follow". After thorough consideration of all my options, I am confident that this therapy was the right choice for me, as I believe that "it is my body healing itself," even though there are no guarantees,

To date I have not experienced any adverse side-effects