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Review Secretariat
Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
Australian Health Department

Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Jo Watson,

I am deeply concerned about the King Review proposing to have homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies. I have used homeopathic medicines for my family for many years for various issues with great benefit and results.

Of greater concern is that Professor King considers me incapable of making my own, informed choice about the form of healthcare I use.

Australians are discerning people who spend their money wisely. It is no error of judgement that the use of homeopathy and other natural medicines is growing.

Homeopathy is freely used by large numbers of people in Europe and many other countries for many decades, so why prevent Australians from using it?

I do not believe that homeopathy has been properly, fairly and scientifically researched by Australia's peak medical body, the NHMRC.

I am not aware of any cases of harm caused by homeopathic medicines, but I am aware that many pharmaceutical medicines have serious side effects, which is why I believe homeopathy should remain as a safe treatment option for Australians. Surely the focus should be on the very toxic and adverse side effects of pharmaceutical drugs and the incorrect prescribing of drugs resulting in a big percentage of health issues, some leading to more permanent consequences.

I have found that homeopathic medicines are effective on babies, children and animals who don't know what has been administered but results are very positive, so I know homeopathy has nothing to do with placebo.

I take full responsibility for me and my family's health and as a result, rarely seen in a Doctor's clinic or the local hospital, all because there are natural options available and the freedom of choice in making decisions for my family. To take that right away from my family would not only increase my knowledge to find natural and alternative health options before submitting to any form of pharmaceutical drugs that have known side effects (refer to the insert information paper in any medications for possible side effects known for the drug) with no recourse, even though there are systems and procedures in place should there be a reaction, it is not readily offered by the pharmaceutical profession. There is the bigger danger and health risk to society.

Our family has been using homeopathic medicine options for many years and has not had any adverse reactions to the medicine and holds this form of treatment in high stead.

The loss of freedom of choice is becoming so apparent in our society today and is becoming quite horrific. Homeopathic medicine adverse reaction cases are so rare compared to other forms of pharmaceutical medication and I would consider very low risk and should therefore not be removed from our basic right to freedom of choice on how we take care of ourselves. Surely the less impact on the medical profession resources is a bigger reason to have it as an alternative choice.

Yours sincerely

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