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Review Secretariat  
Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation  
The Australian Government Department of Health

Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Jo Watson,

I wish to make a submission to the Pharmacy Remuneration & Regulation Interim Report expressing my **strong rejection of the proposed option (Option 3-4) for homoeopathic products not to be sold in PBS-approved pharmacies.**

This option directly contradicts the basic criteria of the Review's strategic vision: it is not 'forward-looking', does not 'encourage innovation' and it is inconsistent with 'adapting to the changing needs of the Australian public' - who want greater access to medicines of their choice, not less.

I exclusively use homoeopathic and herbal medicines for myself and my family with great benefit. There are no side-effects, unlike all pharmaceutical drugs. Homoeopathic products have been available in pharmacies for years without any evidence that they create 'risk of harm to patient health': a view based on speculation, not evidence.

Around a million Australians use homoeopathy, not by error of judgment but because they (like me) find that it works. A healthy democracy protects the rights of citizens to choose and access the healthcare and medicines they want - that's what a free and healthy society does. By allowing access to beneficial and alternative products

Developing options on the basis of a flawed NHMRC Review, without any consideration of broader (positive) research that the NHMRC did not consider, unjustly perpetuates further damage to the homoeopathy sector on the basis of maladministration. It also points clearly to the fact that the government supports only the *financial* health of the pharmaceutical and health industry and not the physical and emotional health of Australian citizens—not to mention the protection of our liberties and rights.

- [The Australian Report - an in-depth analysis \(YouTube\)](#)
- [Executive Summary to Ombudsman Complaint - NHMRC Homeopathy Review](#)
- [Homeopathy FAQs & summary of research evidence](#)
- [Homeopathy Research Institute \(HRI\) in-depth analysis of NHMRC Homeopathy Review](#)

Yours sincerely,

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