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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: that is, 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 have used homoeopathic medicines for myself and my family with great benefit. 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.

Australians are discerning people who spend their money wisely. Around a million Australian 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.

In India and Nepal, where I have worked as a complementary health professional, Homeopathy is widely used as it is affordable and IT WORKS! The remedies have been used for over 200 years. If it does not work, why has it been used for so many years with great success? Children and animals who do not have a preconceived idea about the type of medication given when ill, heal beautifully. ADDITIONALLY, I HAVE A LARGE FILE OF RESEARCH STUDIES DONE TO SHOW THAT HOMEOPATHY IS EFFECTIVE. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DOUBLE BLIND, PLACEBO CONTROLLED STUDIES TO DETERMINE THE EFICACY OF THE REMEDIES.

Furthermore, I have been a practising homeopath for over 30 years in Canberra and many of my clients have been coming to my practice for 20-25 years. If it did not work, they would not come back for another consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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