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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 with great benefit. My Son has Asperger's, Oppositional Defiance Disorder and ADHD. (yes, super lucky!!) We started working with Homeopathy from the age of 4 years and have seen some dramatic changes to his behavior. I did not want to go down the path of chemicals/pharmaceuticals for my child. He is too young and I am unsure of the long term effects of chemicals on such a young person.

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.

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

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

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. For example, my son was depressed having suicidal thoughts in which was very harrowing for the whole family. We went to the Psychiatrist and he prescribed an Anti Depressant with the warning that his suicidal thoughts may be increased and to STOP taking it if such a thing occurred. Not sure about your home situation but I like to protect my child from self harm or any harm for that matter. So I DID NOT fill the prescription. I went via the Homeopathic channel and he is on a natural anti depressant

and he is **not** having any further dark thoughts, without the chemicals. ***Please don't take this away from us.***

I have found that homeopathic medicines are effective on babies, certainly my children and animals, so I know homeopathy has nothing to do with placebo.

My Naturopath has been an amazing relief to our family with his recommendations and support over these very frustrating and heartbreaking times in our lives.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Symonds