

**Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
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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 Interim Report proposing to have homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies. I have used homeopathic medicines for my family with great benefit. **I would like to know what scientific evidence** *The King Review* used for its position that the 'sale of homeopathic products creates risk of harm'.

The report considers me incapable of making my own, informed choice about the type of healthcare I use.

I have used Homeopathy and Natural remedies to help with my asthma for the last 25 years and these remedies allowed me to reduce other medications by about 75%. I am nearly 82 years old and attribute my good health to the use of natural therapies where ever possible. I also believe conventional medicine does not pay enough attention to patients vitamin and mineral needs.

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 was first treated by a homeopathic doctor in UK when I was about 24 yrs old. His care and treatment was first class.

I am not aware of any cases of harm caused by homeopathic medicines. I am aware though, that many pharmaceutical medicines have serious side effects and I have friends who have suffered from these which is why I believe homeopathy should remain as a safe treatment option for Australians.

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

I hope that these legislative changes will be completely reviewed as I believe they have been instigated by powerful pharmaceutical companies who have a vested interest in discouraging these treatments.

Signed

