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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.

In 2010, the outcome of the UK Science and Technology findings were taken to the British Houses of Parliament with recommendations to restrict the use of homeopathy. The recommendations were rejected on the grounds that many of their Constituents used homeopathy and it would be "illiberal" to do so. The current proposal to remove access to homeopathic medicines reminds me very much of this.

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.

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I would strongly request that any decisions on this matter be made with appropriate consultation with a diverse range of experts, including professional homeopaths. Inclusion of homeopathic experts in this discussion supports a process that may provide critical information for an informed and transparent process.

Yours sincerely

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