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To Whom It May Concern,

I write in response to the recommendation in the *King Review* that homeopathic preparations should not be sold in pharmacies. This view is out of step with a large (and growing) number of Australians. As a consumer born in a purportedly democratic country it is my right to choose which medical modality to use for my own and my family's health care. I find homeopathy to be effective, safe and cost effective.

The Swiss Federal Office for Public Health issued a report to the government of Switzerland which concluded that "the effectiveness of homeopathy can be supported by clinical evidence, and professional and adequate application be regarded as safe" (Bornhoft, G, Wolf, U., von Ammon, et al, Effectiveness, Safety, and Cost-Effectiveness of Homeopathy in General Practice—Summarized Health Technology Assessment, *Forschende Komplementarmedizin*, 2006;13(suppl 2):19-29). If they can find this information in Switzerland, what is hindering our health professionals?

Homeopathy is only one of a range of complimentary medicines that all have a well deserved place in our health care system. I strongly support the continued sale and supply of homeopathic preparations in our pharmacies, and urge you to do the same.

Yours sincerely,

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