

Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
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To
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The National Health and Medical Research Council

As a patient, I have used Homeopathic medicines for my health for over 45 years. I have used them alongside other Natural medicines. I have found them extremely important and they have a significant place in the care and life of my family. They are a choice I have made and feel that it is my right to choose the medicines my family chooses.

As I have had many reactions to drugs and allergies. I found that I had no choice but to use Naturally produced medicines' which is why I trained to be a herbalist. Many of the pharmaceutical drugs affected to me badly and did not improve my health. To have the choice taken away from me or my family or other individuals who have the same problems is not acceptable.

I have never had any bad reactions to the homeopathic medicines.

As a practitioner, I have found they have an important place alongside herbs, foods and other natural medicines. The patients and family members' that use these medicines use them because they are safe and easy to use.

The recommendation that 'homeopathy and homeopathic products should not be sold in pharmacies' is not consistent with the growing trend of the community's choices.

The choices of medicine should be left with the individual and family not bureaucrats. The review has ignored the safe record and widespread use of homeopathic products in Europe including the use of Homeopathic medicines in England and India. In Europe 29% of citizens freely access homeopathic products in pharmacies.

70% of Australians use complementary medicine services and products. Removing homeopathic products in pharmacies does not represent the views or desires of the Australian Community.

It is important not limit the availability and choices of individuals and families in the community of Australia.

Yours sincerely

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