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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. The Australian public should always have choices in their access to care and treatments.

I have used homoeopathic medicines for myself and my family with great benefit, right from when my girls were babies. 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. I honestly don't know how I would have coped without homeopathy; it's often what I have turned to instead of or in conjunction with conventional medicine.

Australians are discerning people who spend their money wisely. Around a million Australians 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.

Please consider your decision in this matter carefully as it will affect much of the Australian public who would not wish to lose their freedom of choice.

Yours sincerely,

