

Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
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Review Secretariat
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Australian Health Department

Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Jo Watson,

I have used homeopathic medicines for approximately twenty years with great success and no side-effects.

I am frustrated that The King Review Interim Report proposes to remove homeopathic medicines from pharmacies and I would question the validity and scientific method used by this report. It states that the 'sale of homeopathic products creates risk of harm' and yet does not substantiate this claim with any scientific evidence. In contrast, non-homeopathic medical products sold in pharmacies have well-documented side-effects and potential to create risk of harm.

I am also frustrated that The King Review Interim Report seeks to remove my choice in making an informed decision about the type of healthcare that I use.

Homeopathy has a long history of being used by large numbers of people in Europe and many other countries. I see no logic in preventing Australians such as myself from using it. I would protest the restriction of my access to homeopathic medicine and see this as a violation of my consumer rights. I feel that I should be able to choose to use non-pharmaceutical products.

I do not believe that homeopathy was properly, fairly and scientifically researched by Australia's peak medical body, the NHMRC, in its Homeopathy Review. I am aware that there has been a complaint made to the Commonwealth Ombudsman for maladministration and scientific misconduct in relation to this review ¹. I therefore see it as inappropriate and unjust that the King Review should cite the NHMRC review.

Yours Sincerely

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¹ <https://www.hri-research.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Executive-Summary-to-Ombudsman-Complaint-re-NHMRC-Homeopathy-Review-FINAL.pdf>