

Review of pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
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Review Secretariat
Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
Australian Health Department

Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Jo Watson,

I am horrified that the King Review is proposing to have homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies. I have used homeopathic medicines for my family for 20 years with substantial benefit.

Of great concern is that Professor King considers me incapable of making my own, informed choice about the form of healthcare I use.

Australians are discerning people who spend their money wisely. It is no error of judgement that the use of homeopathy and other natural medicines is growing.

I do not believe that homeopathy has been properly, fairly and scientifically researched by Australia's peak medical body, the NHMRC.

Homeopathy is freely available in pharmacies, and is used by large numbers of people, in Europe and many other countries, so why prevent Australians from using it?

I worked for a large American pharmaceutical company for 20 years. I am not aware of any cases of harm caused by homeopathic medicines which I have been buying for pharmacies since the 1990s, but I am aware that many pharmaceutical medicines have serious side effects, which is why I believe homeopathy should remain as a safe treatment option for Australians.

It is unsupported bias and nonsense for the King Report to take the position that the 'sale of homeopathic products creates risk of harm'. The Health Department should be more concerned about the risk of harm posed by allowing the sale of NSAIDs in supermarkets, and the sale of PPIs without a prescription.

Yours sincerely,

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