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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 deeply concerned about the King Review proposing to have homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies. I have used homeopathic medicines for my family with great benefit.

Of greater 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 used by large numbers of people in Europe and many other countries, so why prevent Australians from using it?

I am not aware of any cases of harm caused by homeopathic medicines, 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.

I have found that homeopathic medicines are effective on babies, children and animals, so I know homeopathy has nothing to do with placebo.

I am a mother of 2, a registered nurse, midwife, maternal and Child Health nurse and a registered Homeopath. I have been treating my children for more than 6 yrs with homeopathy with fantastic results. I came to homeopathy after my 5 yr old son had been on 5 courses of antibiotics for recurrent ear infection with out success of curing him. He was about to be sent to a specialist to consider gromets when I engaged the professional advice of a homeopath who successful treated and cured his ear infections. He is now 11yrs old and has not required antibiotics since he was 5yrs old.

My daughter was diagnosed with bilateral VUR at 11mths old after an initial urinary tract infection that became pyleonephritis, she was treated with antibiotics for the initial infection successfully and then was to go on antibiotics til she was 5yrs old ( which she did not have)

as she also was treated with homeopathy and has not had a urinary tract infection since her initial one at age 11mths old. She is now 7 yrs old.

I believe I am well educated enough to know what is right for my family and yes we do go to our GP and feel that western medicine is great for so many illnesses and treatment but that there is also the need for alternative medicines as well.

Yours sincerely,

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