

To whom it may concern,

Please stop the conspiracy against homeopathy, a medicine used around the world that heals people everyday. India has homeopathic hospitals and homeopathy is honoured by their politicians and their citizens. In Europe homeopathy is respected and used widely in the community. Why is Australia so backward in its views and using flawed scientific data about homeopathy to try to prove a case against a time honoured medicine. I have used homeopathy as a medicine for 35 years for me and my family. I will continue to use homeopathy for healthy ageing. We do not have to use hospitals because we are healthy and saving the government and medicare extraordinary amounts of money.

[The Pharmacy Remuneration & Regulation \(King Review\) Interim Report cites the NHMRC Homeopathy Review. The Review Panel's conclusions on the efficacy on homeopathy are based solely on the highly flawed NHMRC Homeopathy Review \(see points below\).](#)

- A Complaint to the Commonwealth Ombudsman for maladministration and scientific misconduct was submitted in 2016. While this review is the subject of an Ombudsman complaint, it cannot be used to inform health policy.
- 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 no more to do with placebo than other medical interventions.
- 70 per cent of Australians use complementary medicine services and products. Removing homeopathic products in pharmacies does not represent of the views or desires of the Australian community.
- The option that 'homeopathy and homeopathic products should not be sold in pharmacies' is not consistent with the growing trend of consumer choice.
- You know what works for you and your family, so you should be able to choose your own healthcare. That's what a free society does - protect freedom of choice. You don't need bureaucrats to decide for you.
- The recommendation that 'homeopathy and homeopathic products should not be sold in pharmacies' does not meet the basic criteria of

the Review's strategic vision (p.3). That is, it is not 'forward-looking', 'encouraging innovation' or consistent with 'adapting to the changing needs of the Australian public'.

- The Review has ignored the safe and widespread use of homoeopathic products in pharmacies overseas. For example Europe, where 29% of citizens freely access homoeopathic products in pharmacies.
- The proposed Option is not representative of the views or desires of the Australian community, 70% of which use complementary medicine services and products.
- The Review inappropriately cites the NHMRC Homeopathy Review findings as a credible policy document - when it is not.
- The Panel's discussions and opinions on the efficacy on homoeopathy are based solely on the highly flawed NHMRC Homeopathy Review, without recognising its limitations or considering the broader research evidence base and other positive reports.
- The Report does not provide any evidence for its position that the 'sale of homeopathic products is not benign but creates risk of harm', which is based on speculation, not evidence.
- The public positions of professional pharmacy bodies such as the PSA are misleading and irrelevant, since they are based on the flawed NHMRC Review - a circular argument.

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