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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 Interim Report proposing to have homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies. I have used homeopathic medicines for my family with great benefit. **I would like to know what scientific evidence** *The King Review* used for its position that the 'sale of homeopathic products creates risk of harm'.

The report considers me incapable of making my own, informed choice about the type 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. However, homeopathic medicine has been treating patients since the late 1700s and has continued to do so in excess of 200 years. If it was ineffective or unsafe it would have ceased to exist all on its own, especially since it does not have the marketing dollars like the pharmaceutical industry, but yet its popularity is growing. Is this move to target homeopathic medicine an indication of a pharmaceutical industry feeling threatened and using its corporate power to run its competitor out of 'town'?

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. I am aware though, 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 and even if it did, where is the harm in that?!

I have raised my children on complementary medicines and often have other parents comment on how healthy, strong and vibrant they are. I strongly suggest that instead of trying to criminalize treatments that are harmless (based on 200 years of treatment and no known harm), that more effort is assigned to ending the harm caused by pharmaceutical medicines instead; take the time to learn about the 1000s (even millions) of individuals harmed each year by pharmaceutical medicine and compensated by courts all over the world, and do something more productive by supporting the use of natural treatments.

Yours sincerely,

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