

Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
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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. I believe it is my right to choose, not yours.

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 had been prescribed drug [REDACTED] for one medical condition and it has caused me a new set of medical conditions, but you are not banning [REDACTED].

I have found that homeopathic medicines are effective on babies, children and animals, so I know homeopathy has nothing to do with placebo. I have used a homeopathic medicine to resolve most of my health issues and for my family, very successfully.

Yours sincerely,

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