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Homeopathic stand letter

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Australian Health Department

Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Joe Watson,

I am extremely concerned about The King Review Interim Report proposing to remove homeopathic medicines from pharmacies. I have used homeopathic medicines for my family, as did my parents with me, for many, many years 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'.

I, along with all my fellow Australians have a right to make my own, informed choice about the type of

healthcare I use, and by removing homeopathic remedies and products, it is in turn taking away MY CHOICE and MY RIGHT to make these choices around my health and the health of my family!

The use of homeopathy and other natural medicines within Australia is growing, as people are gaining more knowledge and personal experiences about the benefits of homeopathic medicines.

I am not aware of any cases of harm caused by homeopathic medicines. I am aware, through personal experience and the experiences of some close family members and friends, that pharmaceutical medicines more often have serious or negative side effects, which is why I believe homeopathy should remain as A SAFE AND BENEFICIAL treatment OPTION for Australians.

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

Personally I have NOT found a better teething medicine for my toddler, than the homeopathic teething remedy I use. Why would anyone, and why should anyone have the right to take something that's working away? Especially for infants and children?

I do not believe that homeopathy has been properly, fairly and scientifically researched by Australia's peak medical body, the NHMRC, and therefore the benefits are not completely understood by higher agencies.

Homeopathy is freely used by large numbers of people in Europe and many other countries, so why prevent Australians from using it? Are we not as deserving to be as happy and healthy as other countries? To have decent and beneficial options?

I honestly hope that this report is not based on financial motives, and if it is, I wish to appeal to each of you Professor King, Bill Scott and Joe Watson, to rethink this decision, as it would have a profound negative impact on myself, my family and many other Australian families!

Yours sincerely,

Medea Paterson