

**Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation**  
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Review Secretariat  
Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation  
Australian Health Department

Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Jo Watson,

RE: homeopathic medicines review

I am concerned about the review which could see homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies.

Our family has used homeopathic medicines for over 20 years. With young children we found we could treat them before it became serious enough for a doctors visit. On several occasions when ailments did not clear up we have visited a doctor and told them we had tried homeopathic medicines, which we found they were support of our actions. We also were we not wasting a doctors time with minor ailments, which is costly to the health care system. Our family is healthy for this and we are not contributing to the huge overuse of antibiotics.

We are sensible people and should be treated us such. We are making an informed and considered opinion in using and purchasing homeopathic medicines for our family. We should have a choice and be able to purchase.

If this review stops pharmacies in stocking homeopathic I would say that half of the products in the chemist should be removed as well. This includes vitamins, sports proteins, hair colour, perfumes, chocolates, cough lollies, jelly beans, infant formula and nappies.

This review would be better to advocate for a fair and scientific research by the NHMRC. Rather than propose that the people of Australia are unable to make decisions for themselves on their health.

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. This is treating Australian's of lower intelligence than Europeans who regularly use these products.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Bev Johns