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Review Secretariat
Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
The Australian Government Department of Health

Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Jo Watson,

I wish to make a submission to the Pharmacy Remuneration & Regulation Interim Report expressing my **strong rejection of the proposed option (Option 3-4) for homoeopathic products not to be sold in PBS-approved pharmacies.**

This option directly contradicts the basic criteria of the Review's strategic vision: that is, it is not 'forward-looking', does not 'encourage innovation' and it is inconsistent with 'adapting to the changing needs of the Australian public' - who want greater access to medicines of their choice, not less.

I have used homoeopathic medicines for myself and my family for 35 years with great benefit.

Homoeopathic products have been available in pharmacies for years without any evidence that they create 'risk of harm to patient health': a view based on speculation, not evidence.

Australians are discerning people who spend their money wisely. Around a million Australian use homoeopathy, not by error of judgment but because they (like me) find that it works. A healthy democracy protects the rights of citizens to choose and access the healthcare and medicines they want - that's what a free and healthy society does.

Homoeopathics are a health option that is safe and available to the general public so that we can take a proactive approach to wellness. Our public health system as it stands is unsustainable and one of Australia's biggest financial burdens. If we can take a proactive approach to wellness, then our GP's can spend their time on the more important health concerns. It is crucial that some empowerment is given to the discerning public and that we can freely choose to combine both allopathic and complementary approach to our health.

Yours sincerely,

