

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 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.

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.

Other comments:

My experience with homeopathic remedies has always given me positive results. I cannot say the same for pharmaceutical prescriptions.

I now have a baby girl who is eight months old. I have sought homeopathic advice and have had success using the prescribed homeopathic remedies for her.

Why should I not, as a responsible parent, be entitled to choose my preferred healthcare options for my child.

I think it is my right, as an Australian living in a democratic country, that I continue to be able to choose what healthcare I use.

Please do not take away my right to have a choice..

Yours sincerely,

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