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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 with great benefit for fifteen years and have never experienced an unwanted side-effect – even an "overdose" of a remedy can merely produce a replication of a symptom for a short time. That is how they work – like cures like. If a selected remedy is not correct for the condition, it acts as an arrow missing the target and falling harmlessly to the ground - in marked contrast to conventional, allopathic, medicine, which is of course potentially deadly.

Homeopathy is a very affordable form of medicine which people are able to use with complete confidence that *no harm can be done*, but with which the promotion of actual cure – as opposed to a masking of symptoms - is highly likely. The view that homoeopathic products create 'risk of harm to patient health' is entirely based on (malicious) speculation, not evidence.

Australians are discerning people who spend their money wisely. Around a million Australians use homoeopathy along with many millions more around the world, not by error of judgment but because they, like me, find that it works. I have personally experienced homeopathic remedies being used as a first choice for alleviating minor ailments by Medical Practitioners in Holland and Germany where this is considered normal practise.

A healthy democracy protects the rights of citizens to choose and access the healthcare and medicines they want – that is how a *supposedly* free society like Australia functions. As a responsible tax paying Australian citizen, I am absolutely disgusted by the lies told to the Australian public by our Government Agencies about homeopathy – lies perpetuated not out of a concern for the health and welfare of Australians but out of corruption and conflicts of interest.

Here lies an important opportunity for the voice of intelligent, law-abiding voters to be acknowledged and heeded, in the face of our ever increasing and collective dismay at the decisions made in our name which severely impinge on our freedom and autonomy.....

Yours sincerely,

