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Dear Professor King, Bill Scott, and Jo Watson,

I am writing in support of homeopathic medicines continuing to be sold in PBS-approved pharmacies. That a proposition to discontinue this is being considered deeply concerns me.

I am aware that in recent times there has been a view promulgated in mainstream media disparaging homeopathic medicine. This bias attitude runs counter to the actions of a million or more Australians who use homeopathic medicine for its effective treatment of a whole range of conditions. While the reason for its effectiveness may not be understood by some researchers and certain medical schools of thought, it cannot be denied that homeopathic medicine works.

For many years I have used homeopathic remedies for travel and sea sickness, bruising, muscle cramp, nervousness, recovery from illness, digestive problems, recovery from surgery. In each of these cases the homeopathic medicine was effective and of great benefit.

In fact, homeopathic medicines are preferred by me because they are effective and also SAFE, and do not cause side effects.

I am concerned that the push to ban the sale of homeopathic medicines from pharmacies is coming from the vested interest of medical and pharmaceutical companies who wish to protect their market and eliminate the choice members of the Australian public currently have with regards to their own health.

It would be a great wrong in my view for the government to restrict choice in favour of corporate power, and thereby reduce access to medicines which very many Australians find beneficial and rely on.

Respectfully yours,

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