

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

Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Jo Watson,

I have been a continuously-practicing naturopath and homoeopath for the last 30 years. As such, I am deeply concerned about The King Review Interim Report that is proposing to have homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies. I have consistently and confidently used homeopathic medicines in my practice as a highly effective and very safe therapy with people of all ages. I have also used homoeopathic remedies both personally and with family members – with no negative side-effects. For this reason, 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 is based upon gross inaccuracies, misinformation and unscientific allegations. The report also undermines my considerable experience and ethics as a health practitioner in selecting the safest and most effective therapy for my clients, for my family and for myself. I have countless case histories where homoeopathy was prescribed to successfully treat a vast array of different ailments. Many of these case histories involve very young children and even- in rare cases, animals - where a ‘placebo effect’ is not involved.

Australians are discerning people who spend their money wisely and carefully. It is no error of judgement that they repeatedly source the use of homeopathy as a very safe and effective treatment.

I do not believe that homeopathy has been properly, fairly and scientifically researched by Australia’s peak medical body, the NHMRC. I am concerned that this failure is intentional due to an underlying bias of the NHMRC towards pharmaceutical medicine.

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 and even lethal side effects, which is why I believe homeopathy should remain as a safe and unrestricted treatment option for all Australians.

Yours sincerely,

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