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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 have used homoeopathic medicines for myself for 45 years with great benefit. They are a valued part of a range of non allopathic modalities that I have used to restore and keep myself in excellent health for most of my adult life.

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.

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. They are routinely used by a significant proportion of medical doctors in Europe, most notably in Holland and Germany. This is well known, part of the public domain, so I am mystified as to why it seems to be a problem here in Australia.

I am not aware of any cases of harm caused by homoeopathic medicines, but I am aware that many pharmaceutical medicines have serious (sometimes lethal) side effects, which is why I believe homoeopathy should remain as a safe treatment option for Australians.

Australians are discerning people who spend their money wisely. Around a million Australians use homoeopathy, not by error of judgment but because they (like me) find that it works and often when nothing else has. 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. Please use the link provided to access research evidence of homeopathy's efficacy and safety.
[Homeopathy FAQs & summary of research evidence](#)

Yours sincerely,
Nell Thayne