

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

Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Jo Watson,

I am deeply concerned about the King Review proposing to have homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies. I have used homeopathic medicines for my family with great benefit.

Of greater concern is that Professor King considers me incapable of making my own, informed choice about the form 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. In the United Kingdom, homeopathy is a subsidized part of their national health service. Why is Australia so behind? Why would you prevent Australians from accessing products that are widely accepted in countries with equal or better health care?

I am not aware of any cases of harm caused by homeopathic medicines, but I am aware that many pharmaceutical medicines have serious side effects, which is why I believe homeopathy should remain as a safe treatment option for Australians. Recently in the United States, over-the-counter pharmaceutical medicines have caused more deaths per year than illegal drugs such as heroin. This is also a significant problem facing Australians. Improving the safety of these drugs and reducing unnecessary deaths from over-the-counter pharmaceutical products should be the focus of the King Review.

Yours sincerely,

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