

**Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
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Dear Professor King, Bill Scott and Jo Watson,

I am deeply concerned about The King Review Interim Report proposing to have homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies. I have used homeopathic medicines for my family with great benefit. **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 considers me incapable of making my own, informed choice about the type 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, 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 side effects, which is why I believe homeopathy should remain as a safe treatment option for Australians.

I have found that homeopathic medicines are effective on babies, children and animals, so I know homeopathy has nothing to do with placebo.

Other comments:

In most democratic countries, the choice of healthcare is not dominated by one regime. In Germany in particular, homeopathic remedies are used in the hospitals alongside the pharmaceutical/synthetic drugs.

Homeopathy is used by the Royal Family. As part of the Commonwealth, are not Australians entitled to the same choice of healthcare?

There is a place for both pharmaceutical drugs and the homeopathic method of healthcare. Why do we have to be forced to use only one (pharmaceutical) option?

Given the very recent news that there are some anti-biotics that are now resistant to some very serious conditions, is that not an indication that alternative methods such as homeopathy should and could be considered?

I am eighty-four years old and have been consulting homeopathic healthcare and homeopathy remedies in excess of four decades.

I want to continue my life being able to have choice over my healthcare, please do not take this away from me.

Just last year it was suggested that I use a mild blood thinning tablet which I take. Apart from that I use no other pharmaceutical drugs.

Yours sincerely,

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