

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 object to the King Review's proposal to have homeopathic medicines removed from pharmacies. I have used homeopathic medicines as my primary means of healthcare for more than twenty years, with much success. I have also used it to treat non-human animals in my care, with success.

I object to Professor King's opinion that I, a retired health professional, am unable to make my own, informed choice about the form of healthcare I use.

The use of homeopathy and herbal medicine is growing. We should not be forced to abandon what we know to be effective ways of maintaining our health.

There is a lot of publicity of the opinion that homeopathy is "unscientific", but this view ignores the widespread use of homeopathy in Europe and other countries and the body of evidence supporting its use. I believe the opinion expressed by the NH&MRC is based on a biased selection of evidence and the deliberate ignoring of most of the evidence in favour of homeopathy.

In Europe and other countries registered medical practitioners prescribe homeopathic remedies for their patients. Australians, also, should have access to medical practitioners who use homeopathic approaches.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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