

**Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation
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Review Secretariat
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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, so why prevent Australians from using it?

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.

I have five children and have used homeopathy for over 35 years. During that time I have never had to fall back on antibiotics for even very serious illnesses such as osteomyelitis, bronchitis and pneumonia. Fevers, otitis media, tonsillitis, toothaches, gastritis and many more illnesses were treated with homeopathy with great success. This has nothing to do with placebo.

I would like to be able to use this wonderful medicine for the rest of mine and my children and their children lives. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Maria Ziegler