

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 self with great benefit and have heard positive reports from clients about its effects. 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 Australia's peak medical body, the NHMRC, has researched homeopathy properly, fairly, or scientifically. 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 found that homeopathic medicines are reported to be effective on babies, children and animals, so I know homeopathy has nothing to do with placebo.

In my work supporting families and children with learning and mental health issues, homeopathy has been reported to me by my clients to be a successful adjunct therapy to counselling. Please do not dismiss this clinical experience.

Yours sincerely,



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