

Professor Warwick Anderson, AM,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
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**Re: National Health and Medical Research Council findings on homeopathy.**

Dear Professor Anderson,

We, the undersigned individuals, represent several of Australia's prominent biomedical research societies: the Australasian Virology Society, the Australasian Society for Immunology, the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy, the Australasian Society for Infectious Disease, and the Australian Society for Microbiology. Collectively, these societies encompass approximately 4500 members that include Australia and New Zealand's most prominent researchers, clinicians and scientists working with infectious diseases, cancer, autoimmunity and allergy, and the means for their prevention.

We wish to applaud the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) led investigation into the scientific evidence associated with homeopathy. Government healthcare policy should be guided by the best scientific evidence available, and the finding that *"there is no reliable evidence that homeopathy is effective in treating health conditions"* should now call into question the value of further support for this particular form of therapy.

Dr Peter Speck, Secretary, Australasian Virology Society.

Associate Professor Damian Purcell, President, Australasian Virology Society.

Professor Dale Godfrey, President, Australasian Society for Immunology

Professor Paul Young, President, Australian Society for Microbiology

Associate Professor David Looke, President, Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases.

Clinical Associate Professor Richard Loh, President, Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy.

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