

Thank you for supporting the future of natural therapies in Australia through this Petition.

This attachment contains the following:

1. Instructions
2. The Petition in full
3. A detailed summary for patients to read "what is the truth about natural medicine?"
4. A promotional poster to put into clinic
5. The petition pages to be printed out for your patients to sign.

1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRACTITIONERS

Please do the following:

1. Print out the full Petition so that you can see it, and show it to patients if appropriate.
2. Print out the Promotions Page to display in however many places you wish in your clinic.
3. Print out the Petitions Page (hopefully you will eventually need 5 or more of these for patient's signatures).
4. Have the Petition pages ready to be signed by patients in your clinic.
5. If not done already, please email your name and clinic details to isaac@naturalmedicinepetition.com so that we can remind you when the signed petitions are needed to be returned.
6. Start collecting signatures on the Petition pages.

Collection closes on Monday 5th February, 2018:

Please post all signed petition pages to Dr Isaac Golden, PO Box 695, Gisborne, 3437 on 5/2/2018.

The House of Representatives will not accept scanned or photocopied signatures. We MUST send them the originals. So we have to request your help to do this.

PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER DOING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Tell colleagues in any natural modality about this Petition and ask them to go onto the *naturalmedicinepetition.com* website to download the materials.
2. Spread the word on your professional social media sites.
3. Save a copy of this petition and forward to others via email

IF POLITICIANS GET TO HEAR THE TRUTH ABOUT NATURAL MEDICINE MOST WILL SUPPORT IT.

IF THEY SEE 1,000,000+ AUSTRALIANS SIGNING THIS PETITION, IT WILL CHANGE THEIR MINDS.

2.THE PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of the citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House:

Over 6 million Australians regularly use natural therapies to improve their health, finding natural products and services to be safe and effective, helpful in preventing disease and value for money.

Public expenditure on natural medicine research does not reflect the widespread popularity or the potential health benefits offered by natural treatments. Between 2005 and 2015, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) spent only 0.03% of their funds on natural medicine research. Further, the NHMRC's conduct of natural medicine research has been referred to the Commonwealth Ombudsman for bias and scientific misconduct.

The petitioners believe that the NHMRC is not the appropriate organization for oversight of scientific research into the diverse medical and health care systems of natural and integrative medicine.

Australia has the expertise to take the lead in developing an international research agenda into how we may better and more safely both prevent and manage chronic diseases utilizing natural and integrative medicines and therapies.

We therefore ask the house to:

Create an Australian Government agency, independent of the NHMRC, to:

- distribute natural therapies research funding through appropriate centers of academic excellence;
- conduct independent unbiased reviews of the safety, effectiveness and cost-benefits of natural therapies; and
- determine the potential national health and federal budgetary benefits of encouraging unrestricted private health fund access to established and evidence-based natural therapies and qualified practitioners.

WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT NATURAL MEDICINE?

Over 10 million Australians use various methods of natural medicine.

The World Health Organisation recommends it be included in national health systems.

Natural therapies and natural medicines are part of the national health systems in many countries.

YET IN AUSTRALIA IT IS ATTACKED AS BEING INEFFECTIVE AND A CON

The NHMRC, Australia's top medical research body claims to have proved it is ineffective.

The AMA, Australia's peak medical trade union says it is a con.

AHPRA, Australia's peak practitioner regulator pursues doctors etc who use it.

State Commissions have been set up to pursue natural therapists.

Political parties and federal committees recommend removing private health insurance support.

WHY IS AUSTRALIA DIFFERENT? WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

Many attacks stem from the NHMRC findings that most natural therapies lack evidence of effectiveness.

Yet the NHMRC is being criticised for bias and inappropriate research conduct.

For example:

The NHMRC sacked a research group because they didn't like their findings.

The NHMRC changed the rules of the next research project midstream because it wasn't producing the conclusion that they were seeking.

The NHMRC ignored the recommendations of their own advisors that their findings should be changed.

WE CANNOT RELY ON THE NHMRC TO RESEARCH NATURAL MEDICINE

WE NEED A NEW INDEPENDANT AGENCY TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT WITH FACTS

Please support this national petition.

Please support the rights of patients to choose the forms of healthcare that they prefer.

Please support the rights of practitioners to be judged fairly, based on unbiased research.

SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A NEW RESEARCH AGENCY

TO PROVIDE HONEST AND UNBIASED FACTS TO GOVERNMENTS

ABOUT THE REAL VALUE OF NATURAL THERAPIES AND NATURAL MEDICINES

We need your patients to sign this petition now – it is available at

www.naturalmedicinepetition.com

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