

APPENDIX 1

Submissions received by the Committee

- 1 Australian Self-Medication Industry (ASMI) (ACT)
- 2 Browning, Mr Mike (VIC)
- 3 Name withheld
- 4 Medical Industry Association of Australia (NSW)
- 5 Department of Health and Ageing (ACT)
Supplementary information
Additional information following public hearing 13.10.05 dated 20.10.05, 24.10.05
- 6 Johanson and Associates Consulting (ACT)
Supplementary information
Supplementary submission following public hearing 13.10.05 dated 4.11.05
- 7 Piesse, Dr John (VIC)
- 8 Webb, Mr Peter (VIC)
- 9 Westrenius, Mr Axel (NSW)
- 10 Blackmores Ltd (NSW)

Proforma letter

The Committee received a proforma letter from 473 individuals relating to Bill. The text of the correspondence read as follows:

I wish to register my opposition to the terms of the Therapeutic Goods Administration Amendment Bill 2005.*

The TGA already has draconian powers and the proposed new penalty levels and infringement notice powers will serve only to destroy more Australian businesses through increased bureaucracy, without achieving any increased levels of consumer safety.

When the Pan Pharmaceuticals saga occurred the TGA already had some of the most stringent powers of any similar regulator world wide and yet it was unable to detect the faults they say existed in those products. Higher powers will do no more than make the TGA, that the Australian Audit Office described as lacking transparency and accountability, even more arbitrary and heavy handed.

The penalty levels proposed fail to adequately reflect the distinction between the huge multi national drug companies and the natural health industry, the later are often small industries without the resources to dispute any unwarranted fine the TGA might try to impose. This all shows why natural health should not be regulated through the same body as pharmaceuticals.

Please – ensure that the Therapeutic Goods Administration Amendment Bill 2005 is defeated.

*Note: The correct title of the Bill is the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005.