

THE NEW ZEALAND NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCT INDUSTRY IS UNDER SERIOUS THREAT

As a retailer of Natural Health Products or as a Practitioner or anyone else involved or interested in the industry we need your help. We want to stop the Government allowing Australia's Therapeutic Goods Agency (TGA) to extend its control to Natural Health Products and services in New Zealand.

Your business will be directly affected by the proposed changes –

But it's not too late to stop it in its tracks.

Evidence has shown that the TGA would result in;

- Surging compliance costs
- Businesses closing
- Jobs being lost
- Increased prices
- Significantly reduced product range

While the industry in NZ has been fighting this proposal for some time, we need your help to let the consumers know what is happening and ask them to put pressure on the MP's to make sure the Trans Tasman agency does not proceed.

The Governments current proposals **cannot succeed** without Labour gaining the support of **at least one other political party**. So far all other parties have indicated they will not support it, however Labour is working hard to change their minds, so public pressure is needed to make sure the TGA proposal is defeated.

If you want to read more about the proposal, its implications and the fight to stop it please visit our web site www.nzhealthtrust.co.nz . Once on the website you can sign up for the newsletter so that you can be kept up to date with the happenings in the industry.

Natural Health Practitioners particularly need to be aware of the impact of this proposal. While they currently have an exemption under the proposal, already an Australian body has been formed to consider the controls to be imposed on practitioners and has, as an example, recommended that the exemption for practitioner supplied formulations be removed. So it is vital that practitioners are active now to keep the control in NZ.

We ask you to copy the attached "letter to MP's" and put them on your counter, and perhaps ask customers, "**Would you like to help stop Government giving control of these products to Australia?**" Then if they wish they can fill in the details on the letter to MP's, which you could hold for collection by the reps or you could post them weekly to FreePost Parliament, PO Box 18888, Wellington. No stamp required. For your convenience, we have attached a list of all 120 MP's.

We have also included a petition in case staff and customers would like to sign it. If you are able to display and promote it we would be grateful. Please post completed forms to NZHT – address below.

Thank you in advance for you help. If you have any queries please contact;

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