

URGENT SUPPORT NOTICE

Labour is trying to decimate the NZ Health Products Industry

The Labour Government is trying to change the way in which all Natural Health Products (NHPs) & medical devices are regulated. They plan to treat them as medicines and give the power to control them to the controversial Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)

We know from the Australian experience that this would mean;

- Fewer products available - consumer choice reduced
- Unnecessary bureaucracy and cost
- Increased cost to consumers
- Natural health products & medical devices all controlled like drugs
- Many NZ businesses forced to close - jobs lost
- There will be little NZ can do to protect itself – Australia would make decisions for NZ

The Australian TGA (which would take over NZ's health products industry) is known to use an extremely heavy-handed approach. Remember the Pan debacle? The TGA recalled 1200 natural products off the market on the strength of one manufacturer's lax handling of quality control standards. "The truth is that of more than 1200 products recalled, NOT ONE of the natural health products was found to be at fault. It was only one pharmaceutical drug which was a problem".

Despite strong opposition from industry and a Parliamentary Select Committee report against the proposal, Annette King signed the Treaty with Australia on 10 December last year. **But the battle is far from over.** The Government still needs to have the treaty passed into law and for that it needs the support of the opposition parties. **We can stop the Government's TGA proposal especially if we are strong and united.** The opposition party MP's need to know the strength of public opposition.

Here's what you can do - visit the NZHT website www.nzht.co.nz where you can;

- fill-in an "Urgent Support" form online
- print "Urgent Support" form (in hard copy) for distribution
- order "Urgent Support" forms (in hard copy) for distribution
- subscribe to the newsletter
- use our "email our message to a friend" facility to alert others to the situation

The "Urgent Support" forms are designed to give you a voice without you having to go to Wellington yourself and tell the MP's of your concerns & wishes. We will use these forms to show the MP's (and others, for example the Media) that the TGA proposal does not have our support and that we do want a sensible NZ based alternative.

If you do not have internet access please contact us for information or to order "Urgent Support" forms – our contact details are below.

Kind Regards

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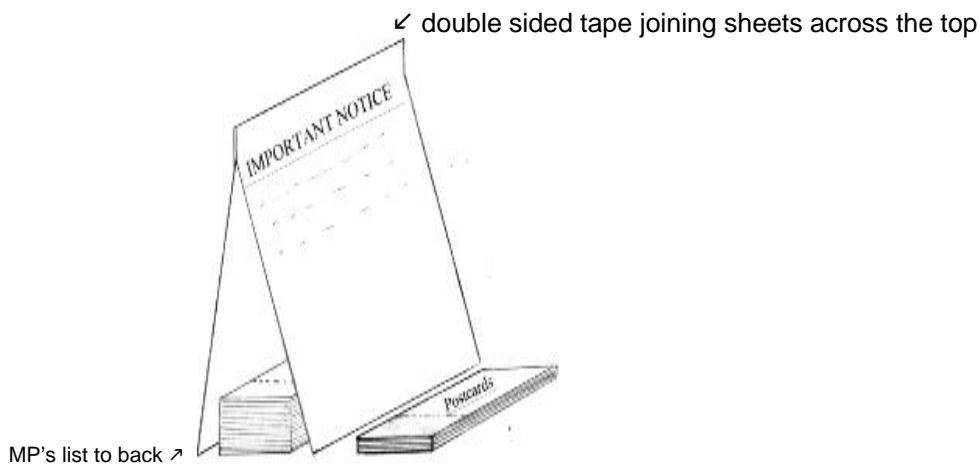
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*Thank you,
we appreciate
your support*

How To Make a Counter Sign of the “Urgent Support Notice”

1. Print the “Urgent Support Notice”
2. Laminate the Notice (the thicker the laminate the better, 150mic preferably) and you’ll need a piece of card or a blank page laminated for the back. Print on card if thick laminate unavailable. This is to ensure the sheets stand upright.
3. Stick the two together with double sided tape at the top.
4. Stand it upright by spreading the sheets apart at the bottom.
5. Store bulk folded forms between the open uprights and a pile of folded notices for the customers to help themselves to in front of sign.

Please refer to diagram below;



Displaying this sign will help to make the “Urgent Support forms” more visible when on a counter.

If you don't have access to laminating please contact us and we will dispatch a ready made sign to you.

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