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THE PROMOTION OF FALSE OR MISLEADING HEALTH-RELATED INFORMATION OR PRACTICES

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PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMMITTEE ON THE HEALTH
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I am not in favour of the HCCC investigating or prosecuting individuals or organisations for challenging accepted medical practice, or being given any more powers to do it.

My submission addresses the terms of reference which presumes that accepted medical practise needs to be protected rather than challenged.

There are many accepted medical practises that have no science behind them.

Accepted medical practise needs to get its own house in order before it presumes to investigate or prosecute anybody who challenges it.

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INQUIRY INTO THE PROMOTION OF FALSE OR MISLEADING HEALTH - RELATED INFORMATION OR PRACTICES TERMS OF REFERENCE

I am totally opposed to the HCCC being given more powers to investigate or prosecute individuals or organisations who challenge accepted medical practice. I maintain that the pharmaceutical industry has too much power and has hijacked modern medicine and is intent on eliminating any opposition to accepted medical practice, much of which is very unscientific. There are therapies that work which can't be patented which aren't allowed to become part of mainstream medicine, and there are harmful practices which are part of modern medicine which are perpetuated because they are profitable. **Mainstream medicine needs to be challenged.**

I address the terms of reference as follows:

(a) The publication and/or dissemination of false or misleading health-related information that may cause general community mistrust of, or anxiety toward, accepted medical practice;

The commission seems to be labouring under the misconception that modern mainstream medicine is above reproach and that all of its practices are scientifically proven. This just isn't the case.

According to BMJ (British Medical Journal), Only 11% of modern mainstream practices are scientifically proven¹. What this means is there is a massive 89% of medical practices that remain scientifically unproven. Why should any individual or organisation be targeted by the HCCC for disseminating information that challenges that which is scientifically unproven?

Some of the mainstream practices that have never been proven scientifically,

- a) The use of chemotherapy has only a 2.3% chance of cure yet this expensive treatment is flogged routinely as a cancer cure at huge cost.²
- b) There have been no long-term scientific studies to compare the overall health of vaccinated to unvaccinated children. Plus there is scientific evidence that the mass vaccinations were commenced after diseases were in already decline.³
- c) A lot of what is classified as scientific evidence is based on scientific studies which are up to 90% flawed according to top meta-researcher John Ioannidis⁴.

The public needs to know the truth and has the right to know the truth. There is already way too much suppression of information. The public are treated like mushrooms and protected from anything and everything in order to protect them from the truth. This isn't the way things are supposed to work. People don't need "experts" and "reliable sources" telling them what is and what isn't useful. The people can decide that for themselves if given access to the relevant information.

The pharmaceutical industry operates on patents achieved and is not interested in promoting natural cures such as bicarbonate of soda, any herbal concoctions such as black salve or nutritional cures. The public have a right to know about these cures and not have them suppressed because they go against accepted mainstream methodology or challenge the profits of big pharma.

The pharmaceutical industry spends 2/3 of its budget on promotion, marketing, lobbying for legislation in its favour, and whatever it can to generally improve its influence. Appendices 1-3 explain how the pharmaceutical companies spread lies and deception, and do their best to eliminate the competition.

The PBAC / PBS

The Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) in Australia is supposedly an independent body which recommends to the government which drugs should be put on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and hence paid for by the taxpayer. In 2000 under pressure from the pharmaceutical companies, the PBAC was completely overhauled and replaced by members who were more amenable to spending more on pharmaceutical drugs, and this is how they operate. This reflects the typical way the pharmaceutical industry works, using ghost written articles, bribes, pay-offs, lobbying and infiltration into government institutions, in order to increase its influence.

The HCCC doesn't need more power to suppress information that the public should have access to. The pharmaceutical business will infiltrate and use the HCCC to destroy anything except their products.

1 The BMJ's website "Clinical Evidence" reports that, of the 3000 treatments they have surveyed, only 11% of medical treatments are rated as beneficial, and 23% likely to be beneficial (they don't know for sure), while 67% are of unknown or of unlikely effectiveness or harmful.

<http://clinicalevidence.bmj.com/x/set/static/cms/efficacy-categorisations.html>

2 The Contribution of Cytotoxic Chemotherapy to 5-year Survival in Adult Malignancies.
2004 The Royal College of Radiologists

RESULTS: The overall contribution of curative and adjuvant cytotoxic chemotherapy to 5-year survival in adults was estimated to be 2.3% in Australia and 2.1% in the USA.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15630849>

3 Vaccines Did Not Save Us – 2 Centuries Of Official Statistics

"This is the data the drug industry do not want you to see. Here 2 centuries of UK, USA and Australian official death statistics show conclusively and scientifically modern medicine is not responsible for and played little part in substantially improved life expectancy and survival from disease in western economies. The main advances in combating disease over 200 years have been better food and clean drinking water. Improved sanitation, less overcrowded and better living conditions also contribute. This is also borne out in published peer reviewed research:"

<http://childhealthsafety.wordpress.com/graphs/>

4 Lies, Damned Lies, and Medical Science

"Much of what medical researchers conclude in their studies is misleading, exaggerated, or flat-out wrong. So why are doctors—to a striking extent—still drawing upon misinformation in their everyday practice? Dr. John Ioannidis has spent his career challenging his peers by exposing their bad science." <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2010/11/lies-damned-lies-and-medical-science/8269/>

(b) The publication and/or dissemination of information that encourages individuals or the public to unsafely refuse preventative health measures, medical treatments, or cures;

People should have freedom of choice over what medicine they wish to use particularly since so much of what passes for mainstream treatments which rely on pharmaceutical products, remain unproven. People should also have free access to any / all information required to make a decision, no suppression required.

See Appendices 1 - 3 which shed some light on the real motivation behind the pharmaceutical industry's deceptive practices.

(c) the promotion of health-related activities and/or provision of treatment that departs from accepted medical practice which may be harmful to individual or public health;

Any attempt by the HCCC to investigate those who challenge mainstream are blatantly misdirected as discussed previously. The HCCC should not be used as a tool of the pharmaceutical industry to suppress information about dangers of pharmaceutical drugs or value of any alternative remedies. In a free society information is not suppressed.

Pharmaceutical drugs may be harmful to individual health. People should be free to choose.

(d) the adequacy of the powers of the Health Care Complaints Commission to investigate such organisations or individuals;

It is appalling to consider that the HCCC would be used to investigate any individual or organisation who challenges mainstream medicine. However, mainstream medicine does need to be challenged and any practices which are outdated, ineffective or harmful should be eliminated.

If the HCCC is going to be used to eliminate any competition to pharmaceutical medicine, then its powers are too great.

The heavy handedness of government bureaucracy

We've already seen the overly heavy hand of the TGA in prosecuting cases. I recall the case of Pan Pharmaceuticals which was driven out of business by the heavy hand of TGA with its overly zealous actions, no doubt under the guise of "safety and concern for public safety". Very often such reasons as "concern for public safety" are a cover for some other pretext which may not be all that apparent at the time. TGA was later forced to pay settlement of \$50 million after being sued by Pan for ruining their business. I don't know how often this sort of thing goes on but you'd think that an experienced government would understand how far to take measures for breaking rules, but apparently not and there is always the danger of over-zealousness in reacting to things in too heavy handed a manner. I would be loath to give the HCCC greater powers or let them investigate more broadly than they currently do - unless it was to investigate the pharmaceutical culture which is totally motivated by money rather than any health concerns for the public.

(e) the capacity, appropriateness, and effectiveness of the Health Care Complaints Commission to take enforcement action against such organisations or individuals; and

It is totally inappropriate for the HCCC to be taking action against individuals or organisations who challenge mainstream medicine. Mainstream medicine needs to be challenged over any practices which are outdated, ineffective or harmful.

(f) any other related matter.

Mainstream medicine supports many untested practices.

The pharmaceutical cartel spends 2/3 of its budget on propaganda, marketing, spin, lies, and campaigns to discredit natural and alternative therapies. Mainstream medicine relies mainly on pharmaceutical drugs to treat disease while running campaigns to discredit any alternative remedies. 75% of the public take some sort of alternative remedy which is proof that the public find mainstream medicine lacking in many respects. The appendices cover relevant information about the nature of what passes for mainstream medicine in western society.

Appendix 1

Pharmaceutical genocide used by big pharma to maintain its profit base.

Appendix 2

The laws of the pharmaceutical industry

Appendix 3

What the law allows pharmaceutical drug manufacturers to do

Appendix 1

<http://www.nuremberg-tribunal.org/about/thiswebsite.html>

What is pharmaceutical genocide?

The phrase “pharmaceutical genocide” refers to the act of knowingly allowing people to die from preventable chronic diseases that could have been largely eradicated decades ago if they had not been systematically exploited for profit.

Sixty years ago, executives of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies of the time (Bayer, BASF and Hoechst – now Sanofi Aventis) were found guilty of mass murder during World War II – a war in which sixty million people lost their lives. But this pharmaceutical genocide didn't stop at the end of World War II – it's still happening today. The World Health Organization attributes one third of all global deaths (15.3 million people) to cardiovascular diseases and 6 million to cancer annually. If it had wanted to, the pharmaceutical industry could long ago have put a stop to this genocide. Instead, by continuing to promote dangerous chemical drugs and to ignore, hide and obstruct the use of safe and effective non-patentable natural therapies, it knowingly encourages it.

What is the pharmaceutical drug cartel?

The pharmaceutical drug cartel has been in existence for over eighty years. Its roots lie in the German IG Farben cartel that was formed in the early twentieth century by a merger of companies including BASF, Bayer and Hoechst (now Aventis). Subsequently, and as revealed by tens of thousands of historical documents from the Nuremberg Tribunal, IG Farben planned and financed World War II - a war that cost the lives of more than 60 million people.

Since World War II, the cartel's size and influence has grown dramatically, and, as a result of its efforts to defend and promote the global pharmaceutical drug market, its influence now extends to the heart of most governments in the world; to the media; to medical education and to many other areas.

What was the Nuremberg Tribunal?

The Nuremberg Tribunal was part of the US and other Allied governments' efforts to determine the responsibility for WWII and bring to account those who committed crimes against humanity. Between 1945 and 1948 several of these trials were held in the Palace of Justice in the German city of Nuremberg, hence its name.

The Tribunal consisted of a series of 13 trials, the most important of which was the case against the oil and drug cartel, IG Farben. The executives of this cartel, according to the chief US prosecutor, Telford Taylor, were the main war criminals – without whom WWII would not have been possible.

The Laws of the Pharmaceutical Industry

http://www4.dr-rath-foundation.org/PHARMACEUTICAL_BUSINESS/laws_of_the_pharmaceutical_industry.htm

The Laws of the Pharmaceutical Industry

The main principles governing the pharmaceutical “business with disease.” It is not in the financial interests of the pharmaceutical industry to prevent common diseases – the maintenance and expansion of diseases is a precondition for the financial growth of this industry.

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The pharmaceutical industry is an investment industry driven by the profits of its shareholders. Improving human health is not the driving force of this industry.

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The pharmaceutical investment industry was artificially created and strategically developed over an entire century by the same investment groups that control the global petrochemical and chemical industries.

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The huge profits of the pharmaceutical industry are based on the patenting of new drugs. These patents essentially allow drug manufacturers to arbitrarily define the profits for their products.

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The marketplace for the pharmaceutical industry is the human body – but only for as long as the body hosts diseases. Thus, maintaining and expanding diseases is a precondition for the growth of the pharmaceutical industry.

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A key strategy to accomplish this goal is the development of drugs that merely mask symptoms while avoiding the curing or elimination of diseases. This explains why most prescription drugs marketed today have no proven efficacy and merely target symptoms.

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To further expand their pharmaceutical market, the drug companies are continuously looking for new applications (indications) for the use of drugs they already market. For example, Bayer's pain pill Aspirin is now taken by 50 million healthy US citizens under the illusion it will prevent heart attacks.

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Another key strategy to expand pharmaceutical markets is to cause new diseases with drugs. While merely masking symptoms short term, most of the prescription drugs taken by millions of patients today cause a multitude of new diseases as a result of their known long-term side effects. For example, all cholesterol-lowering drugs currently on the market are known to increase the risk of developing cancer – but only after the patient has been taking the drug for several years.

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The known deadly side effects of prescription drugs are the fourth leading cause of death in the industrialized world, surpassed only by the number of deaths from heart attacks, cancer and strokes (Journal of the American Medical Association, April 15, 1998). This fact is no surprise either, because drug patents are primarily issued for new synthetic molecules. All synthetic molecules need to be detoxified and eliminated from the body, a system that frequently fails and results in an epidemic of severe and deadly side effects.

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While the promotion and expansion of diseases increase the market of the pharmaceutical investment industry - prevention and root cause treatment of diseases decrease long-term profitability; therefore, they are avoided or even obstructed by this industry.

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Worst of all, the eradication of diseases is by its very nature incompatible with and diametrically opposed to the interests of the pharmaceutical investment industry. The eradication of diseases now considered as potential drug markets will destroy billions of investment dollars and eventually will eliminate this entire industry.

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Vitamins and other effective natural health therapies that optimize cellular metabolism threaten the pharmaceutical “business with disease” because they target the cellular cause of today’s most common diseases - and these natural substances cannot be patented.

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Throughout the more than one hundred year existence of the pharmaceutical industry, vitamins and other essential nutrients, with defined functions as cofactors in cellular metabolism, have been the fiercest competition and the greatest threat to the long-term success of the pharmaceutical investment business.

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Vitamins and other effective natural health therapies that effectively prevent diseases are incompatible with the very nature of the pharmaceutical “business with disease.”

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To protect the strategic development of its investment business against the threat from effective, natural and non-patentable therapies, the pharmaceutical industry has – over an entire century - used the most unscrupulous methods, such as:

- (1) Withholding life-saving health information from millions of people. It is simply unacceptable that today so few know that the human body cannot produce vitamin C and lysine, two key molecules for connective tissue stability and disease prevention.
- (2) Discrediting natural health therapies. The most common way is through global PR campaigns organized by the Pharma-Cartel that spread lies about the alleged side effects of natural substances – molecules that have been used by Nature for millennia.
- (3) Banning by law the dissemination of information about natural health therapies. To that end, the pharmaceutical industry has placed its lobbyists in key political positions in key markets and leading drug export nations.

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The pharmaceutical “business with disease” is the largest deception and fraud business in human history. The product “health” promised by drug companies is not delivered to millions of patients. Instead, the “products” most often delivered are the opposite: new diseases and frequently, death.

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The survival of the pharmaceutical industry is dependent on the elimination by any means of effective natural health therapies. These natural and non-patentable therapies have become the treatment of choice for millions of people despite the combined economic, political and media opposition of the world’s largest investment industry.

Appendix 3

The following website gives a good explanation of the situation regarding drug companies, pharmaceutical drugs, the drive for profits, and the conflicts of interest that allow them to get away with things they should be pulled up on.

<http://www.growyouthful.com/tips/pharmaceuticals-patents.php#most-pharmaceutical-research-is-lies>

What the law allows pharmaceutical drug manufacturers to do

Lies, deceit, falsification

The objective of pharmaceutical drug companies is to maximise their profits. They spend at least two and a half times more on marketing than on research.(3) They have no incentive whatsoever to provide the cheapest, most effective alternative for any ailment. On the contrary, they try to hide or discredit all remedies and cures that are alternatives to their current, most expensive, patented drug, even when these alternatives are demonstrably superior.(4)

A successful pharmaceutical drug reduces your symptoms, and keeps you dependent for the rest of your life. A drug that actually cures you is a disaster because a customer is lost.

The pharmaceutical drug industry is based on patents and legal approvals. The granting of a patent and approval for sale for a drug or a manufacturing process provides the lifeblood for drug companies. They will do anything to secure as many patents as possible in order to stifle their competition, and maximise their profits by selling at the highest possible price.

It currently requires enormous capital for testing and approval before a drug is approved for sale to the public. In America, it often takes ten years and \$1 billion to get a new drug onto the market. Only the biggest few companies have the resources to do this. This is just one way that pharmaceutical companies stifle their competition - they simply make it too expensive to compete - and they continue to lobby (bribe, threaten and lie to) to make testing as expensive as possible. This also ensures that nearly all testing of pharmaceutical drugs is financed by themselves, rather than other bodies that do not have this conflict of interest.

The bigger and more profitable the industry, the more it can afford to lobby (bribe, threaten and lie to) politicians and decision makers to pass laws that benefit the industry.

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Usually new drugs approved for patent and sale are me-too drugs, with a slightly altered molecule to an existing drug. In the USA, the testing required for drugs does not require that they be compared with their close cousins, with any other drugs, or with any natural or traditional medicines. It is sufficient to show that they are effective in curing a particular ailment. The fact that they may be less effective than all the alternatives is deliberately concealed. Frequently a new and less effective me-too drug will go on sale with a new patent, a high price, and a campaign to hide or discredit the expired-patent drug it is replacing.(4)

Many drugs are ineffective, with falsified studies (1), lobbying pressure, and placebo effects distorting their use. "In more than half of the clinical trials for six leading antidepressants, the drugs did not outperform the placebo".(5) With pharmaceutical companies funding the research into and testing of their own products, there is tremendous pressure on the researchers to come up with the desired results - regardless of whether the drugs really work or not. Huge bribes, threats, and the making or breaking of careers are all at stake. "It is simply no longer possible to believe much of the clinical research that is published."(4)

Statin drugs are an example of a pharmaceutical that is promoted using falsified trials and a massive campaign of misinformation, bribery and corruption.

Most pharmaceutical research is lies

85% of trials of pharmaceutical drugs are completely funded by the company which will be selling

that drug. This is a blatant conflict of interest.

Most research findings published by pharmaceutical companies are false. Up to three quarters (75%) of published research in the medical literature concerning pharmaceutical drugs is ghostwritten by public relations firms. Pharmaceutical companies routinely hire these firms to ensure that the results of studies read the way that they want them to read - and they conceal potentially serious or even fatal side-effects. (1)

Washout. A common technique used in pharmaceutical trials is the washout. Before the official trial begins, all subjects are given a dose of the drug. Those subjects who show any negative side-effects are not picked for the official trial.

A research article (6) published in 2005 came to the following conclusions. It seems that the manipulation and suppression of research results for financial reasons has worsened since then. (1)

"... most claimed research findings are false."

"The greater the financial and other interests and prejudices in a scientific field, the less likely the research findings are to be true. Conflicts of interest and prejudice ... are very common in biomedical research."

"There is increasing concern that in modern research, false findings may be the majority or even the vast majority of published research claims."

Suppression of adverse findings and avoidance of necessary research particularly applies to the genetic modification of food.

A leading cause of illness and death

Pharmaceutical drugs are the third leading cause of death in the USA (most other countries too). And for each person who dies from a drug, there may be a hundred suffering from the side-effects of the pharmaceutical medications that they are taking - sometimes knowing that the drugs are causing illness, but more often existing in a haze of confused sickness and ailments, not having connected the dots...

No natural or traditional home remedies please

This is why drug companies are not interested in natural or traditional products, which are usually more effective than pharmaceuticals, and have no side-effects. There are thousands of examples of effective natural cures that are not used because there is no financial incentive for anyone to do so, or because they have been actively discredited.

Here are a just couple of examples:

- Borax prevents and treats arthritis, candida and many other ailments. It is so cheap and effective that medical boards in Western countries have actively campaigned against it and got it discredited and labelled as a poison. In reality, it has about the same toxicity as table salt, and is widely and effectively used in countries where the pharmaceutical industry does not have as much clout.
- Apple cider vinegar is an effective and cheap remedy for many ailments. For example, if you have acid reflux / heartburn ACV is a quick and permanent cure.
- Vitamin C is a cheap, effective natural antihistamine, with no side-effects. Perhaps you are allergic to pollen. Next time you find yourself sneezing, try it!
- Vitamin C has proved more effective than AZT in suppressing HIV in infected people.(2) AZT costs 10 to 20 times more. Nevertheless, AZT is promoted and used rather than vitamin C.
- Colloidal silver is an effective antibiotic, antifungal and antiviral, cheap and without side-effects if used correctly. It is subject to an ongoing campaign to discredit it.

- The old diuretics are far more effective for treating [high blood pressure](#) than new drugs like ACE inhibitors and calcium channel blockers, but are seldom used.(4)
- [Iodine](#) is another powerful and natural remedy that is subject to a campaign to discredit it.
- [Progesterone](#) and estrogen may be used in the treatment of menopause symptoms. We have access to safe and effective bio-identical alternatives but they are NOT encouraged by doctors who are kept ignorant of their availability by the drug companies. This is just one example of how you are being pushed to purchase their expensive, dangerous, synthetic (manufactured) versions of natural or bio-identical alternatives. The reason - proprietary drugs can be patented, natural medicines cannot. When natural remedies are altered to create a new molecule that can be patented, an inevitable consequence is horrific side-effects. Most drugs have side-effects, such as heart and liver disease, cancers, bone loss, dependence and addiction, skin diseases, [depression](#) and many other mental problems, and much more.
- Throughout this website, you will discover numerous other remedies that are highly effective, cost little, and that the pharmaceutical companies are doing everything they can to discredit or ban.
- Many more cheap, natural, highly effective remedies are [listed here](#). Pharmaceutical companies are doing all they can to control, ban and discredit all remedies that they cannot own and patent.

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