**Contact your MPs regarding the regulation of natural therapies, which has been proposed under the Therapeutic Products Bill**

Are you asking, what can I do now?

You could let your voice be heard by emailing and/or mailing our new Prime Minister, Minister for Health Andrew Little and any other ministers you wish to and let them know that control over our natural health products is an election loser and that natural health products have no place in pharmaceutical legislation!

1. The government is calling for submissions on the [Therapeutic Products Bill](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/therapeutic-products-bill-introduced), which it introduced late last year. Those submissions now close **11.59pm Sunday 5 March 2023**.
2. The Bill:
   1. is intended to replace the *Medicines Act 1981* and the *Dietary Supplements Regulations 1985* to regulate therapeutic products, such as medicines, medical devices, natural health products, and active pharmaceutical ingredients.
   2. Introduces a new natural health products regulator within the Ministry of Health, headed by an independent statutory officer, with a wider remit than the medicines regulator Medsafe.
3. There should be no regulation of natural health products in the manner proposed.
4. Are you asking, What can I do now?
5. Well, we know one way our voice can be heard that worked with the three (now five) waters entrenchment issue! That entrenchment provision was removed from the Bill shortly after it was proposed because we bandied together and emailed the PM and all the MPs to let them know we OBJECTED to the clause!
6. As it’s an election year, and the PM and Labour both know they need as much votes as possible, how about letting our new Prime Minister, Minister for Health Andrew Little and any other MP you would like to… let them know that control over our natural health products is an election loser and that natural health products have now place in legislation relating to pharmaceuticals. There’s a template letter on page 3 and 4 for you to use and alter as you see fit!
7. Email them directly, and/or mail (it’s free to mail Parliament):

**TO:**

**Chris Hipkins’** contact email address is: [chris.hipkins@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:chris.hipkins@parliament.govt.nz)

**Andrew Little’s** contact email address is: [a.little@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:a.little@ministers.govt.nz)

**CC** all the other MPs, their emails are all listed below for you to copy and paste into the CC line.

Feel free to **BCC us at VFF** to keep a tab on the numbers of emails: [hello@vffnz.com](mailto:hello@vffnz.com)

**Post:** Freepost PO Box 18 888, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160

1. If you’re emailing, make sure that you call the subject line something clear and obvious.
2. For useful information on the Bill, we refer you to:

* <https://www.voicesforfreedom.co.nz/therapeutic-products-bill>
* <https://www.thelookingglass.co.nz/therapeutic-products-bill-labyrinthine-unaccountable-as-it-exits-the-starting-gate/>
* <https://hatchardreport.com/natural-products-regulation-an-overreach-of-government-control/>
* <https://youtu.be/TEqEhjthTSU>
* <https://homeopathbarbara.com/health-and-homeopathy-blog/>
* <https://jrbruning.substack.com/p/therapeutic-products-bill-labyrinthine>

1. Your email might say the following - but as it is the email you are sending, you need to be happy with it so adjust as you see fit! These emails will also be better received should they be personalised to you and your concerns.

**Template email you could send:**

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| **RE: Changes to the way natural health products are controlled** |
| Dear Prime Minister and Mr Little  I refer to Therapeutic Products Bill currently with the select committee.  I **strongly oppose** natural health products (**NHPs**) and supplements being regulated under the proposed Bill.  Attempts to regulate NHPs has been attempted three times in recent history and properly rejected three times.  By now trying to include NHPs in this Bill your government is again breaking yet another promise: in 2018 in the government paper titled *Therapeutic products regulatory scheme: overview and consultation on Bill exposure draft Proposal* the Labour government recommended that NHPs remain out of the Therapeutic Products legislation.  This is again another attempt to regulate NHPs is further **complete and total government overreach**.  There is nil to negligible risk from NHPs, yet potentially enormous benefit. Regulation is both unnecessary and will be costly as it creates further layers of unnecessary jobs and significant compliance costs: all of which will be paid for by the people either through taxes or increased costs of NHPs.  With the current health and cost of living crises created by this Labour government, setting up a new regulator to assess natural health products is condemnable.  There is no discernible benefit or purpose for natural health products to be regulated other than to create another overpaid regulatory team (paid for by us) telling us what we can and can’t do for our health.  As a former Labour supporter, I can tell you I will not be voting for the party this year should this, and any other draconian attempt to control, regulate or limit natural health products be passed by you.  Sign off |