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Dear Ms Sheffield

Thank you for your letter dated 26 July 2007 regarding two Brazilian studies on homeopathic meningococinum for such diseases as meningococcal disease.

Australia is very fortunate to have a peak body known as the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation that regularly reviews the literature in regard to clinical trials being undertaken with new vaccines. The outcome of these clinical trials are considered by this peak body when decisions are made in their recommendations on vaccines to be used in the childhood and adult schedule in Australia. Consequently, State and Territory health departments are required to follow these immunisation recommendations, which are outlined in the Australian Immunisation Handbook, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition 2003; located at [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au).

In response to your claim of an inaccuracy in Government information on homeopathic immunisation, I note that the statement you are referring to is in the National Health Medical Research Council's Australian Immunisation Handbook, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2003, page 315, and I suggest that you write your concerns to this body for consideration. There is a new 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of this handbook due for publication in the near future.

I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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