

JOINT REGULATORY SCHEME FOR THERAPEUTIC PRODUCTS UNDER ANZTPA SUBMISSION

Grey Power's stance on a joint regulatory scheme has not changed since it was mooted some year's ago.

As an organisation we support of a setting of standards for safety and quality of Therapeutic Products, Medicines and Disability aids but feel this can be very adequately done in a New Zealand.

A major concern we have is that an Australian dominated organisation could lessen the very efficient organisation we have in NZ Pharmac to the detriment of all New Zealand. The composition of any proposed ANZTPA must have equal representation from Australia and New Zealand.

There does not seem to be any new information that proves that we would be much better off joining with Australia in this field and Grey Power believes this is just a revival of a previous proposal which had no merit then and was not implemented.

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