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Department of Health and Ageing
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**MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL MANAGER OF THE
THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION**

2009 WORLD CONGRESS OF CHINESE MEDICINE

I am pleased to provide my support to the 2009 World Congress of Chinese Medicines.

Australians are increasingly including traditional Chinese medicines within their health-care options. This reflects both the broader choice now available to consumers and an increased desire to explore different models of health and healing.

To assist Australians in making informed choices with regards to traditional Chinese medicines, Australia has a regulatory framework considered internationally to be innovative and forward thinking.

This regulatory framework provides an appropriate level of oversight which blends science-based decision making with a strong respect for all traditional approaches to health.

Reflecting the global market, practitioners, scientists and regulators in the traditional medicine sector are working more closely together to ensure consumers have access to products which are safe and of high quality.

I welcome all the participants to the Congress and am delighted to be an Honourable Chairperson at this Conference.

I trust that all the participants will enjoy this unique opportunity to meet with representatives of the traditional Chinese medicine sector from around the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Hammett'.

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