

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Comr

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TO The Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee,
Queensland Parliament

Dear Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

As a Registered Nurse and working in the Mental Health field I have personally witnessed the pain and suffering of people who are unable to take or don't benefit from various medications. The side effects of pain killers and psychiatric drugs are horrendous at times for very little gain regarding symptoms. Over many years I've personally witnessed the benefits of medically prescribed cannabis. One of the major issues is people self prescribing and illegally using cannabis in order to ease their suffering. How fantastic it was to hear that cannabis could be prescribed and monitored by GPs in Queensland. I can't begin to explain how disappointing it is to see these people struggling with script filling issues often leaving them without a continuous supply & huge financial strain placed on already very vulnerable patients. These people are unable to afford to continue on the program without assistance by the Government.

Yours sincerely
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