

Dear Health and Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am writing to request that my daughter [REDACTED] be granted access to Medicinal Cannabis for the treatment of uncontrollable epilepsy. I would like to sincerely thank those behind the effort to make this available to families like mine.

I am the mother of [REDACTED] was born with a congenital heart defect and has since developed refractory epilepsy from complications during heart surgery at birth. [REDACTED] seizures have been diagnosed as Focal to Generalised Tonic Clonic and on several occasions they have almost taken her life. [REDACTED] has epileptic activity 24 hours a day 7 days a week, as recorded by countless EEGs, and her seizures are usually nocturnal. [REDACTED] has trialed 6 different anti-epileptic drugs to date, and is currently on a combination of 4. None of these have been successful in reducing the epileptic activity present in her brain. She has suffered severe behavioral side effects as a result of taking these conventional medicines, and they have also affected her cognitive processing.

[REDACTED] epilepsy has significantly impacted and continues to disrupt her ability to learn, remember things and keep up with her peers. Our neurologist at the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital has already put [REDACTED] name forward as an eligible candidate for the upcoming compassionate trials.

My husband and I, together with all of [REDACTED] therapists agree that she shows unwavering determination despite her obstacles. Every time we notice what has always been a temporary improvement in her epilepsy, [REDACTED] incredible potential shines through and amazes us all. Your consideration of our application would be appreciated beyond words.

Kind regards, and much appreciation,

[REDACTED]