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Submission

In relation to the inquiry into the Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis) Bill 2016

My name is Deni Knuth and I am participating in this submission with the hope that this bill will be a legislation in Queensland sooner rather than later.

Sadly, I am in no position to make statements on how beneficial or not beneficial this method of treatment is.

I did request a sample of cannabis oil in August 2015 from Don Medicinal Cannabis in Sydney and the sample arrived in the mailbox on August 21th 2015. August 21st 2015 was the day my 14yr old daughter lost her battle with severe epilepsy.

It still makes me angry that we, as a family and her as a person, never had the chance to trial an alternative to the 7 different anti-epileptic medications she spend the last 7 years of her life on.

And it saddens me greatly that many families are robbed of the opportunity and the freedom to decide a treatment for themselves or a family member.

People are using the already available cannabis oil and other THC-free cannabinoids and their products. And the positive reports on social media and other outlets are in abundance.

As I already said, I have no experience to say Yes, it works! or No, it's rubbish!, but please, I beg you please give people the opportunity to try another treatment or at least a symptoms relief.

As for the creation of the regulatory framework under which medicinal cannabis products may be prescribed and dispensed to patients in Queensland while also preventing unauthorised use, the people of Queensland have entrusted the Parliament to make the right decisions while fully regarding the needs of their constituents.

With thanks,

Deni Knuth

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