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To whom it may concern;

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I suffer from an illness called Crohn's disease which is an incurable auto-immune disease in the 'Inflammatory Bowel Disease' family. I have had this disease for more than half my life now. I have had several life threatening episodes where surgery was my only option to remove dead or dying parts of my bowel. Mostly, the disease is managed by a chemo drug called 6-MP but if/when that stops working I will likely go onto something even heavier on side effects. I have been on many other drugs including immuno-suppressants and steroids. In other countries like the USA, Israel and MANY MORE, Cannabis is allowed as a treatment for Crohn's disease as it was shown to reduce inflammation and even put people in remission in a study in Austria, here is the study

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24356243>

And another from Israel <http://www.ima.org.il/imag/ViewArticle.aspx?aId=375>

After 5 years of research (online) into Cannabis I have come to the conclusion that it is only illegal because of powerful lobbyists fighting it with misinformation in the USA and globally for decades because it poses such a competitive financial threat to industries such as Pharmaceuticals and Petro-Chemicals due to its versatile nature of potentially replacing Oil for plastics and fuels and its highly beneficial medicinal value. Here are just 6 myths debunked <http://greenflowermedia.com/article/6-harmful-cannabis-myths-debunked/>

Here is a study from Harvard that shows it kills brain tumors <http://healthylife-style.com/harvard-university-cannabis-cuts-tumor/>

Here is one that shows it removes plaque on the brain that causes dementia (a leading cause of death in Australia

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/06/160629095609.htm>

Unlike Cigarettes, Cannabis smoke (although not harmless) doesn't kill you

<http://www.webmd.com/smoking-cessation/news/20030918/marijuana-smoking-doesnt-kill>

And despite the misinformation, you CANNOT overdose on natural/organic Cannabis

<http://www.leafscience.com/2014/01/08/scientists-explain-marijuana-users-never-overdose/>

So, in summary, it's effects are grossly exaggerated by mainstream medicine, which is clear from the links I have attached, it doesn't harm the brain, it doesn't cause schizophrenia, you cannot overdose, it doesn't cause lung cancer or stunt growth, in fact in places like Colorado where it is completely legal it has reduced crime, harmful drug use including alcohol and tobacco in all age groups including young people. It is not a gateway drug, in fact it has been shown to be 114x less toxic than alcohol <https://www.leafly.com/news/health/the-medical-minute-cannabis-is-exactly-114-times-less-toxic-than>

I hope Queensland Health will see the forest from the trees and that this PLANT should no longer be demonized but fully utilized in the up hill battle that is good health in the face of

ever increasing amounts of chemicals, carcinogens and toxins surrounding and infecting us daily.

Ask yourselves this, do you still believe these goliath multi national conglomerates goals are to rid the world of disease or perhaps have we entrusted them with too much say in a world powered by greed.

I ask that you consider allowing Australians the right afforded other citizens of other nations of the same species to use a PLANT that is proven relatively harmless compared to much of what is gladly profited on by even government such as cigarettes and tobacco, both of which clearly kill hundreds of thousands.

You should allow people grow rights of a few plants and please DO NOT create a regime by which you only license synthetic cannabinoids, which have proven deadly, the natural option is the safest and only WHOLE PLANT NATURAL CANNABIS and its oils and by products should be allowed.

Please also tap into the vast knowledge base of local processors and growers who have been successfully treating (albeit illegally) sick Aussies for decades.

I trust you will do the necessary research into what I have said to do the right thing by not only your community, but for yourselves, your families and future generations.

Please see here how Cannabis and it's cousin HEMP can change the world
<http://www.collective-evolution.com/2012/04/01/5-ways-hemp-will-change-our-world/>

Kind Regards,

