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RE: Cannabis Bill 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

In my professional and personal experience and research, I believe there is enough evidence to support the use of non GMO medicinal cannabis. I am greatly concerned for those that are using illegal cannabis for medicinal purposes because of the possibility of a criminal record. Many would fear retribution and therefore do not disclose this to their Healthcare Practitioners/team which in turn does not encourage honest and open communication with those providing medical support.

For the past 22 years as a Health Professional I have been very aware of the use of cannabis use for cancer patients and its positive outcomes. It is used successfully for the treatment of pain, nausea and loss of appetite. I however have never recommended such as treatment in my position for fear of retribution and deregistration.

I have been researching information on children with varied illnesses and the effects cannabis is having on their quality of lives and those around them supporting them. If this was my child, I too would source an illegal "deal" to provide comfort and possibly some pretty impressive outcomes for these children and adults alike.

Australia has an amazing climate to grow cannabis. The economic outcome is massive. From material to medicine and the things in between the potential is huge. I oppose the importation of Genetically Modified marijuana as it needs to be in its most natural form to be of a potent health benefit to those who need it. The entire use of this natural medicinal plant needs to be embraced and used for the purposes it has already proved its value for so far.

I am unsure why in today's world we need to be fearful of something that is and needs to remain in its natural form which can make many lives bearable again.

Kind Regards

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