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Thank you for allowing me to contribute to the proposed Cannabis Laws for Queensland.

Time wasting and feet dragging, making Cannabis medicine available, is having a direct effect on my health. I suffer from a range of medical conditions, from ADHD for which I was medicated ages 5 – 16. Cannabis now controls my ADHD. Doctors chose to medicate me with dexamphetamine for 11 years. First hand experience tells me Cannabis is much more effective. As for medicating children with amphetamines, I will not even be going there! Endometriosis, so severe the majority of my Pouch of Douglas has been removed or cauterized. Years of pain killers and anti-inflammatory drugs, have left me with cysts in my stomach and I can now no longer take any anti-inflammatories or any codeine based medications. Liver function tests are well outside normal ranges. I am 24 years old and DO NOT DRINK! Cannabis in combination with Opiate pain killers, assists greatly with the ongoing severe pain and allows me to take less of the Endone, for instance. At times when the pain is extreme, it could be very easy to take too many. Wolfe Parkinson White was corrected via 3 heart ablations. POTS – Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia syndrome – for which I have been seeking effective treatment, for well over a year. If Doctors are even aware of what it is, they certainly don't know how to treat it effectively. After languishing in a hospital for over a week, a Geriatric Doctor was brought in who had some experience in POTS in UK. He prescribed a combination of drugs including SSRIs which triggered an extreme (ADHD) behavioural change in me. This resulted in the breakup of a 5 year relationship – at the time I was trying to fall pregnant. I am still recovering from the ongoing psychological damage and effects. The Blood pressure and Heart issues though, continued. I am unable to work. Can't even have a shower standing up any more, I've passed out so many times, I now need to use a chair for safety. I've lost count of how many emergency room visits I've needed to make – no-one knows about my condition and have had instances of my HR being over 250 and Medical staff stand scratching their heads. I now do not attend the Emergency Department...there's no point, they have no idea. Last cardiac visit was to the Director of Cardiology at GCUH. Here I was told, He didn't know, not many did know about POTS and referred me on again (lots of buck passing here) to the Prince Charles Hospital. I am still waiting for an appointment, months later. He also prescribed steroids to raise my blood pressure! Have I already, not had enough damage done to my organs with chemical drugs? As a try it and see? They have no idea and use me as a labrat!!! Now I've discovered that all of these symptoms fit a Gardasil vaccination injury? I have 47 of the 52 known adverse side effects of a HPV vaccine!! My life is a shambles! My health is a mess! I am now unemployed, but do not fit the 'criteria' for a disability pension. I can't work even a 4 hour shift without it causing severe problems to my condition, but in Centrelink estimation I can work 28 hours a week. Decided by yet another person who knows nothing of my illness. I've already lost a job, that I found, who were aware of my health issues, but as I could not complete the work requirements, I now have no job, income, subsequently no health insurance – had to let that go. And have to rely on a Public hospital system which openly admits, doesn't know what to do with me. Meanwhile I could have a heart attack at any time. Cannabis is helping with my Cardiac symptoms. Something NOTHING else has done! One day I might just be able to find a Doctor who knows what he's talking about with regards to POTS. So far all they do is a brief google search, I've watched them!! I know more about POTS than they do.

Stop denying people Cannabis. I need raw leaf & hemp seed daily. I need specific strains for my oil. These laws, will deny me that treatment. Please consider ALL patients and ALL of their personal health needs. These laws do not.

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