

## **Medicinal cannabis submission**

The basis of this submission is only for the community rights to grow and use medicinal cannabis herbs and extracts and is in addition to a business model yet to be determined by government.

1. Medicinal Cannabis consumption submission
2. Medicinal Cannabis cultivation submission
3. Medicinal Cannabis extracts submission

### **1. MEDICINAL CANNABIS CONSUMPTION SUBMISSION**

Medicinal Cannabis Usage like anything should be based on assessing the harm to the benefits you potentially may experience. Different extracts and tinctures have different applications and harm profiles so they need to be assessed individually.

THCA - 0 harm Profile

THCA should be made available to treat and prevent serious illness in adults and children.

CBD - Low harm profile

CBD should be made available to treat and prevent serious illness in adults and children.

THC - There is no evidence that shows THC causes permanent damage and the harsh side effects are caused by inexperienced use. There are no deaths related to cannabis overdose and self-administration after diagnosis has no risk unlike chemical and opiod medicines.

THC should be made available to treat and prevent serious illness in adults and in children when it is the safer alternative.

## **2. MEDICINAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION SUBMISSION**

### **Potential health safety and community concerns of allowing self-cultivation of cannabis for medicinal use.**

The 2 main considerations for home grown cultivation is harm profile and offence to your neighbours. A citizen would be justifiably offended if their neighbour had a commercial brewery in their back yard, the same could apply if someone was growing a commercial cannabis crop and this is also relative to the property size.

### **Safety**

We cannot argue that if people in the community are trusted to operate a regulated recreational home brew, there is absolutely no reason why adults in the community cannot be trusted with the growing of the less harmful cannabis.

### **Health**

As there is no permanent damage caused by cannabis use, it's now accepted that it's far less harmful than alcohol and prescription drugs and there is no potential for over dose there is absolutely no reason why adults cannot grow their own cannabis just like home brew and grapes to make wine.

### **Community concerns**

Adults to be permitted to grow 6 outdoor plants, per adult in the household or maximum of 10 plants per household

### **Safety profile of indoor cultivation.**

Most accidents from indoor growing is caused by over excessive power consumption and lack of ventilation. Landlords can consider this for leasing conditions if there is proper regulation.

The Indoor alternative would need to consider fires or accidents and be limited to a maximum of 1200Watts of combined grow lighting per household. This would limit the amount of plants and greatly reduce the chance of fire or accident.

## **3. MEDICINAL CANNABIS EXTRACTS SUBMISSION**

### **Medicinal Cannabis Oil extractions and tinctures.**

People in the community are entrusted to operate home brew closed loop equipment. The same closed loop system is also used to safely make cannabis extracts so there is no reason why this same equipment cannot be accepted for safe medicinal cannabis extracts.

It should be illegal to make medicine without a closed loop system or using highly volatile solvents like butane.