

Dear Committee Secretary / Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee:

I am writing to you in support of medicinal cannabis bill and explain how it will personally affect me.

I'm still fairly young at 28 years old but after all these years of labour intensive work I now have a herniated disc and the pain can be unbearable on a daily basis, there is nothing the doctors can do until it gets to a severe enough point that I lose feeling in other parts of my body due to the pinched nerve.

At this point they will operate but the pain will still be recurring. The doctors have prescribed to me a few types of prescription pain killers but they are as good as taking a couple of breath mints.

The next level of drugs available will be would be undesirable as they would affect the way I can function and have too many side effects.

I have since tried cannabis as a pain relief and find it to be 100% effective for pain relief and therefore I am able to get on with my day and perform everyday tasks without being bed ridden every hour or so.

I believe that cannabis is absolutely harmless and should be available for anyone who requires it. Furthermore I believe it should not cost to have access to this medicine as it can easily be grown buy the poorest of people just as you would any other plant be it fruit or vegetables.

Restricted access is inhumane and the polls of past and present show that Australians are ready for re legalization.