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Hi

My Story –

My brother died of cancer a year and a half ago. He decided to try hemp oil (living in California), based on plants he was growing and oil he made himself. The results were the tumors froze whilst they had been growing actively (originally colon, then lung as it went lymphatic.) This then meant chemo was more effective as well with less side effects. His doctors were amazed, and were encouraged by the result. Testing, and availability of CBD high weed (even in California) was limited and expensive to actually find or test for. This meant testing strains himself and making the medicine on the higher CBD plants. Doctors eventually gave him the all clear but he stopped taking the oil and the tumors came back fast and fierce (many suggest taking oil longer should have happened), so we lost him, but not till he had a good 2 years healthy he would not have had otherwise.

• Testing- of weed (now a standard) on CBD vs THC levels is important for managing quality control

• Education - The politics around this is crazy looking east to the USA shows some of the challenges).

• Working with the ex-Subculture – The hippies of yesterday that were counter culture unknown to them even, are now the mainstream, as what has been illegal moves to policy reform and legislation and in alignment with Victorian plans for 2015-6. They would be a good source to embrace on the state of the market challenges etc (even if their opinions are dismissed) but also for education.

What you use cannabis for or what you would like to use it for? – I currently use it for pain medication would like to see it medically available but the prohibition should really be removed.

Do you want to grow it or have it provided? - Both

Kind Regards