

To the Regulator of Medical Cannabis Bill

My 3yr old daughter loves Cannabis

I really hope the Federal Parliament will take the lead on Medical Cannabis. Cannabis needs to be taken out of Schedule 9 and put into another schedule like “give sick people a fair go”.

I don't know what schedule Alcohol is in. Alcohol kills 5554 Australians and causes over 157,000 Hospital admissions every year. Alcohol is addictive and a leading cause of cancer and heart disease. Alcohol overdose can kill with a BAL (blood alcohol level) only 4 times the drink driving limit yet it is sold in Australia without a single fair dinkum health warning on the label e.g. Warning – there is no safe level of alcohol consumption*.

My 3 year old daughter, , takes medical cannabis because she has Dravet Syndrome a catastrophic form of Epilepsy which is resistant to multiple seizure medications.

has just started preschool and is almost normal except she is delayed, takes 5 drugs a day to stay alive and is likely to end up moderately to severely retarded. She also has a 1 in 6 chance of dying suddenly from seizures before the age 18 yrs.

has been 28 weeks tonic clonic seizure free since starting on medical cannabis. We are happier with her condition now and so are her Drs. Prior to starting medical cannabis she had her worst 4 months ever and she was admitted to hospital 8 times and had more than 15 tonic clonic seizures as well as new seizure types. Her worst 4 months was completely turned around overnight by the addition of approximately 120mg Cannabidiol (CBD) per day. We illegally import our high CBD oil from ENDOCA in Denmark where it is a legal product.

Recent preliminary trial results show that a similar high CBD extract of cannabis (Epidiolex) has helped catastrophic epileptic children in the US without serious side effects.

We dread running out of medical cannabis online. We dread the Police will do their job and arrest us for illegal drug importation and possession.

Please make sure this bill:

- Allows scientists to freely study the cannabis plant;
- Allows Australian plant breeders to develop new strains for Australian conditions;
- Allows families to help themselves and grow their own medicine at no cost to the state; and
- Allows Pharmacy sales of medical cannabis products, including raw cannabis and extracts like oil, dry sift and hash.

It's not a crime to be sick. The Federal Parliament must end discrimination against sick people just because Cannabis is medicine. Cannabis is coming to Kindy 2017. Ready or not.

Thank you

* Sydney University study by Associate Professor Stamatakis published in the British Medical Journal 2015 showed there is no safe level of alcohol consumption.