

Attention: Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
PO Box 6100  
Canberra ACT 2600

13<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Regarding: The Moderator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014

Dear Committee Delegates,

As a concerned organisation in the Health and Well-being Industry we wish to submit our viewpoint on Medicinal Cannabis.

We are a Wellness Clinic in Newcastle NSW newly opened late 2014. At present our clientele are those suffering late stage cancer, children with epilepsy and a range of other detrimental illnesses not able to be successfully addressed by our current medical system. We use Endocannabinoid System Strategies including crucial nutrition and lifestyle programmes. And they WORK !!!

We use a range of natural therapies and modalities and there is a glaringly obvious gap without known quality and accessible medicinal cannabis - especially for pain, support through torturous chemotherapy and radiation, relieving nausea and multiple other benefits. This plant extraction is non-toxic and can only benefit the patients experiencing these life-threatening and family destroying diseases.

The clinic operates centrally in Newcastle, but we are also able to connect with people Australia – wide through on-line services and the demand from the public for Medicinal Cannabis is overwhelming !!!!! We average 10 e-mails or phone calls at least every single day, plus people just turning up. And we have been only going 5 months.

We feel that by changing our current legislation Australians will both personally and as a country benefit incredibly from re-legalising this health raising plant to assist those suffering unnecessarily. Not only can those in terrible pain and suffering find relief and even lessening of their illness, but there is a wonderful opportunity to grant this herb a place in local communities. Community is where true health and well-being lies and NOT in the hands of giant offshore pharmaceutical companies, but in the hands of local growers, manufacturers and distributors – creating jobs, productivity, better health and financial benefits. The financial benefits come from local produce, supporting local communities, transforming suffering agriculture and relieving Australia's burdensome health costs.

We look forward to seeing the Committee seriously and positively respond to the Medicinal Bill for the benefit of all Australians. And KEPT in Australia as a life- saving Industry.

Yours sincerely  
Director - Wellness Clinic