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Submission to Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill – 2014

To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing to you to express my support for the legalisation of cannabis for medicinal use within Australia.

I have a relative whose son has been diagnosed with, amongst other conditions, severe epilepsy. Trials with medicinal cannabis have provided her son with relief that has not been provided by any other form of medication. Medical cannabis has been proven to stop seizures without risk of the side effects associated with the pharmaceutical treatments.

As a parent of two boys, who thankfully are in fine health, I can understand a parent's pain in seeing their child suffer and their resolve to find a working treatment for the effecting condition.

Given the research conducted into use of cannabis in a medicinal capacity and the growing evidence of its efficacy and lack of side effects I support the use of cannabis for medicinal treatment and I make this submission as a parent who loves their children and who believes that we owe our children and all future generations the right to access effective treatments for all conditions.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Gifford.