

Good morning,

I'm writing to you in order to make my opinion on the matter of medical cannabis known to the government of Australia.

The fact cannabis is widely used already in our community can not be ignored.

The current beneficiaries of this black market activity are not only criminals with respect to cannabis laws. They are actively engaged in many other criminal pursuits including trafficking in hard drugs.

Their monopoly on cannabis means people in our community are drawn in to their circles and are then coerced into experimenting with hard drugs.

While the legalisation of medical cannabis wouldn't remove 100% of their cannabis income stream. It would make a large dent in it.

My strong view is legalisation of medical cannabis will de criminalise many current users and make the illegal trade less lucrative and therefore less attractive.

It has been proven to reduce crime, increase tax revenue and empower the community to be able to care for themselves and each other without fear of prosecution.

The war on drugs had failed. I wonder if it would have succeeded if cannabis wasn't included?

Please help our community start our recovery from this past half century of madness by passing legislation to legalise medical cannabis.

Regards,

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