



Regulator of Medical Cannabis Bill 2014

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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear committee delegates,

I am writing to express my personal opinion regarding the Regulator of Medical cannabis Bill 2014. I believe strongly in this topic and i would like to contribute towards the legalisation of Medical Cannabis.

International acceptance of medicinal cannabis is growing because it can provide relief for people who can't be sufficiently helped with current pharmaceutical drugs. But despite growing evidence of its usefulness, medical use of cannabis remains illegal in Australia. While In South Australia you can grow marijuana for personal use, so why can't medical patients around Australia use marijuana to help them? The way to look at it is if you're desperate enough to have marijuana it's not hard to get, so if you did need it there's nothing really stopping you, except the law.

Also according to betterhealth.vic.gov it has been proven that more people are hospitalized from consuming Nurofen then they are for marijuana, in fact there's a whole wards, in some hospitals, for people that have suffered from near death illnesses or severe sickness from taking Nurofen. There's also the fact that most to all pharmaceutical drugs are more addictive and harmful then smoking a joint and most likely a lot more harmful for your body, because you can't overdose on marijuana but pop to many Panadol and your dead. Medical marijuana has been proven to help and by disapproving to legalise it, it's not going to stop people from taking it.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my submission. I hope that i have positively contributed to the passing of this law.

Yours sincerely,

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