

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of a citizen.

Draws to the attention of the house the ineptitude of the AFP and local police to stop the supply and demand of cannabis. The only people currently profiteering off the sales of this product are "criminals" who use the revenue gained to obtain and distribute the harder and more socially devastating drugs such as cocaine, heroin and meth. According to The Age National newspaper as of 2010 Australians spend 3.8 billion dollars a year on cannabis if we were to legalize, tax and regulate the sales of cannabis similar to alcohol and tobacco this would bring in a massive amount of revenue that could be used to improve health care services, schools or even roads, not to mention saving money currently being wasted fighting an unwinnable battle and freeing up the judicial system. With legalization comes an increase in our agricultural industries and a boost to our tourism sector. The world is waking up to the fact that this is a relatively harmless drug with scientific studies proving cannabis to be less harmful than caffeine and aspirin. Let's face the facts, history shows prohibition doesn't work if it did the town of Nimbin wouldn't exist and yet there it is distributing tonnes of cannabis annually, it's 2013 and cannabis use is not slowing down let's make a real change and take control of the situation.

I therefore ask the house to legalize cannabis.