



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Current barriers to patient access to medicinal cannabis in Australia

**PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 29 January 2020**

**Edinburgh Room
Stamford Plaza Hotel, 111 Little Collins Street, Melbourne**

Time	Witness
10.00 am	United in Compassion (<i>Submission 6</i>) Mrs Lucy Haslam, Director
10.30 am	Multiple Sclerosis Australia (<i>Submission 3</i>) Mr Andrew Giles, National Policy Officer MS Research Australia (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 3</i>) Dr Tennille Luker, Research Development Coordinator Epilepsy Action Australia (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 22</i>) Ms Carol Ireland, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director
11.00 am	Australian Lawyers Alliance Mr Greg Barns, National Criminal Justice Spokesman Dr Teresa Nicoletti, Member; Partner, Mills Oakley; and Director, Medical Cannabis Council
11.30 am	Mr Michael Balderstone, President, Nimbin HEMP Embassy (<i>Submission 28</i>) Ms Lyn Cleaver (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 80</i>)
12.15 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Lambert Initiative for Cannabinoid Therapeutics, University of Sydney (<i>Submission 36</i>) Professor Iain McGregor, Academic Director Associate Professor Jonathon Arnold, Deputy Academic Director
1.30 pm	Australian Medical Association (<i>Submission 24</i>) Dr Tony Bartone, President Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 11</i>) Dr Harry Nespolon, President Clinical Oncology Society of Australia Dr David Speakman, Expert Advisor

2.15 pm	<p>NICM Health Research Institute (Western Sydney University) (<i>Submission 7</i>) Mr Justin Sinclair, Research Fellow</p> <p>Australasian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine (<i>Submission 29</i>) Professor Kylie O'Brien, Member</p> <p>National Institute of Integrative Medicine Professor Avni Sali, Founding Director Dr Tamara Nation, General Practitioner Professor Ian Brighthope, Board Member</p>
3.00 pm	<p>Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (<i>Submission 16</i>) Mr Jarrod McMaugh, Project Pharmacist Mr John Jackson, President, Victorian Branch</p> <p>Pharmacy Guild of Australia (<i>Submission 27</i>) Mr George Tambassis, National President Mr Anthony Tassone, National Councillor</p>
3.30 pm	<p><i>Afternoon tea</i></p>
3.45 pm	<p>Medicines Australia (via teleconference) Mrs Elizabeth de Somer, Chief Executive Officer Dr Vicki Gardiner, Director, Policy and Research</p>
4.15 pm	<p>Canopy Growth Corporation (Spectrum Therapeutics) (<i>Submission 31</i>) Dr Christina Xinos, Medical Director, Australia and New Zealand</p> <p>Medicinal Cannabis Industry Australia (<i>Submission 5</i>) Mr Peter Crock, Chairman Ms Elisabetta Faenza, Director</p> <p>Tasmanian Alkaloids (<i>Submission 63</i>) Dr Ross Murdoch, Chief Executive Officer Dr Les Baxter, Director, Agricultural R and D</p>
5.00 pm	<p>Department of Health (<i>Submission 10</i>) Adjunct Professor John Skerritt, Deputy Secretary Mr George Masri, Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Services and Drug Control Branch Dr Grant Pegg, Assistant Secretary, Pharmacovigilance and Special Access Branch</p>
6.30 pm	<p><i>Adjournment</i></p>