



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**

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

2.15 pm	<p><b>NICM Health Research Institute (Western Sydney University)</b> (<i>Submission 7</i>) Mr Justin Sinclair, Research Fellow</p> <p><b>Australasian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine</b> (<i>Submission 29</i>) Professor Kylie O'Brien, Member</p> <p><b>National Institute of Integrative Medicine</b> Professor Avni Sali, Founding Director Dr Tamara Nation, General Practitioner Professor Ian Brighthope, Board Member</p>
3.00 pm	<p><b>Pharmaceutical Society of Australia</b> (<i>Submission 16</i>) Mr Jarrod McMaugh, Project Pharmacist Mr John Jackson, President, Victorian Branch</p> <p><b>Pharmacy Guild of Australia</b> (<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><b>Medicines Australia (via teleconference)</b> Mrs Elizabeth de Somer, Chief Executive Officer Dr Vicki Gardiner, Director, Policy and Research</p>
4.15 pm	<p><b>Canopy Growth Corporation (Spectrum Therapeutics)</b> (<i>Submission 31</i>) Dr Christina Xinos, Medical Director, Australia and New Zealand</p> <p><b>Medicinal Cannabis Industry Australia</b> (<i>Submission 5</i>) Mr Peter Crock, Chairman Ms Elisabetta Faenza, Director</p> <p><b>Tasmanian Alkaloids</b> (<i>Submission 63</i>) Dr Ross Murdoch, Chief Executive Officer Dr Les Baxter, Director, Agricultural R and D</p>
5.00 pm	<p><b>Department of Health</b> (<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>