

To: The Committee Members

Re: Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014

I am the grandfather of a nine year old boy who suffers from intractable epileptic seizures resulting from a brain injury acquired at birth. I have witnessed the extreme on-going distress suffered by my grandson and his parents as they attempt to manage this most difficult condition. Many medications have been used in an attempt to control and minimise seizures. They have had limited success and side-effects often outweigh benefits. The potential benefits of medicinal cannabis, as documented in many formal and informal studies from many countries - studies which I am sure have been brought to the attention of your Committee - are currently not available to my grandson and other sufferers in Australia.

I wish to urge you to pass the Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014 as a matter of urgency as part of the process of making the potential benefits of medicinal cannabis legally available to sufferers in need as soon as possible.