

13 March 2015

Medical cannabis should be legal for ALL Australians regardless of the illness they are treating. I have successfully used cannabis medicinally to treat my own hip, knee and back pain. It relieves my pain without compromising my health. Conventional medicine to treat my pain long term can cause severe kidney, liver, and respiratory problems, cause gastrointestinal discomfort and can also be highly addictive. Addiction and damage to my vital organs is just not something I should have to deal with when there is a natural alternative which is so much safer.

My grandmother takes no less than 6 prescribed medications to manage her osteoarthritis, depression, back pain, blood pressure, and sleep problems. Her pain is so severe that she has gone from being an active and cheerful person to now being depressed and confined to a chair in her lounge room 24 hours a day. My grandmother is almost an invalid. She can no longer sleep in a bed or prepare anything other than a simple meal because it is simply too painful for her. Her chair is the only place where she can rest and feel manage her pain.

I have helped manage her sleep problems via ingestible medicinal cannabis and manage her pain via a cannabis infused oil and topical cream. This is the first time she has been able to sleep through the night without pain and without taking a sleeping pill.

All I wish is to give my grandmother, myself and others a better quality of life without being branded as a criminal.

Please, do the right thing. Decriminalise, legalise, and tax cannabis.

Thank you,