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**Submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation  
Committee Inquiry into the Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014**

**MS Sufferer**

For the past 5 days I have been caring for my granddaughters, one 5 years the other 3 years of age as the parents are in hospital with the baby boy (2 years), the father donating his kidney to the child & mother staying by the child's side.

This in itself is a miracle as 6 months ago I was struggling to care for myself, after battling MS for 30 years.

I finally was putting my affairs in order so I could step out of life, after all sleeping 20 hours a day, having constant chronic pain, 2 bouts of blindness, trembling hands, not being able to focus, etc etc., I didn't want to be a burden on my family so I moved to the other side of Australia & thought that's it, it's enough.

My life changed when I was made aware of the benefit of Cannabis oil, I started off as one of the biggest sceptics because I was of the old school of information, so I researched & researched some more, finally I gave it a go because the alternative was not too terrific.

A long story short, now I can walk without my stick, I can glide out of bed in the morning without my feet feeling like claws, & the pain, how wonderful to get through a day without the pain, I could go on & on. A simple thing like screwing a cap off a bottle without help what a joy !

This year I will be 64 years of age & now instead of thinking of terminating my life I'm looking forward to the next 25 years and I will be spreading the word because there are too many people like me, suffering in silence for too long.

Who would think, someone like me who has never smoked a cigarette, doesn't drink, hasn't even had a speeding ticket would be breaking the law by being given a second chance at life.

I have been taking it for 5 months now & pray that it will be legalised soon so that we can get on with our lives without feeling like a criminal.

Sincerely,