

DANNIELLE SLATER

TO WHOM IT CONCERNS,

THIS IS A SUBMISSION TO THE PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA CONFIRMING MY SUPPORT FOR LEGAL MEDICINAL MARIJUANA. MY OPTIONS AND RATIONALE ARE OUTLINED IN THE FOLLOWING SUBMISSION, WHICH I HOPE SHALL BE ACCEPTED AND SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED. I DO NOT WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS; I OPENLY SUPPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

WARMEST REGARDS

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## **HISTORY**

CANNABIS IS A HERBACEOUS SPECIES WHICH HAS BEEN UTILISED BY HUMANS FOR OVER 4000 YEARS. IT'S ILLEGAL STATUS ONLY APPEARED IN THE LAST CENTURIES. I FULLY SUPPORT THE LEGALISATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS.

## **IMPORTANCE OF MEDICAL USE**

MARIJUANA IS A FANTASTIC MEDICINE FOR A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS; INCLUDING THOUGH NOT LIMITED TO:

- ARTHRITIS
- EPILEPSY
- ANOREXIA NERVOSA
- DISCOMFORT RELATED TO THE TOXIC TREATMENT OF CHEMO THERAPY
- CANCER

HOWEVER, AUSTRALIANS ARE FORCED TO SEEK SUCH A REMEDY ON THE BLACK MARKET AS AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN TOO SLOW IN RECOGNISING THE MEDICINAL VALUE OF THIS HERB.

## **PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS**

THERE IS RELIANCE UPON PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS; WHICH HAVE QUESTIONABLE APPLICATIONS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF AILMENTS. THE ABUSE OF PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS IS NOT UNCOMMON, WITH MANY PEOPLE ADDICTED TO THE DRUGS THEY GET LEGALLY ON SCRIPT. THEREFORE FROM A REAL WORLD POINT OF VIEW, IT WOULD APPEAR CURRENT LAWS NEITHER STOP INAPPROPRIATE ACCESS TO ADDICTIVE LEGAL DRUGS NOR

DESPITE THIS MANY PATIENTS ARE GIVEN SCRIPTS TO PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS; WHICH ARE MOST DEFINITELY NOT WITHOUT SERIOUS RISK AND SIDE EFFECTS. FOR INSTANCE MANY EPILEPTIC CHILDREN ARE GIVEN A LARGE NUMBER OF PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS, MANY OF WHICH ARE HIGHLY ADDICTIVE, ALL OF WHICH PUT THE BODIES LIVER UNDER SEVERE STRESS. ALL DRUGS ARE TOXINS TO THE BODY TO BE FILTERED BY THE LIVER, AS THIS ORGAN FILTERS ALL BLOOD ENTERING VIA THE LYMPHATIC SYSTEM