

Dear Committee Secretary of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
Committee

My name is Boaz Wachtel, currently the Managing Director of Phytotech Medical Ltd. - Australia's first publicly listed Medical Cannabis company. I have been promoting Medical Cannabis and **strategizing** with the medical establishment authorities in Israel and abroad the issue for the past 20 years.

I wish to share that experience with you to facilitate quicker access to MC in Australia for seriously ill patients, cut the learning curve of the various dynamics/agencies involved, and save time and money for the Australian government by pointing out the mistakes (and smart actions at times) that were made on the way to regulate MC in various countries. Australia will be the forth country to enact (if you choose to do so) a National Medical Cannabis Program (NMCP).

Holland, Canada and Israel are the three countries already operating NMCP, while the Czech republic and Uruguay are in the last stages of launching such program.

To that end I wish to first share with you two **PDF** presentations:

One on the Israeli National Medical Cannabis program, the second **PDF** is a comparative analysis between the national programs of Holland, Israel and Canada, and a link to a presentation I provided at Americans for Safe Access (ASA) conference in Washington DC.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2eFEICVsuQ>

Please share the information with Committee Members and advise if additional help or info is warranted.

Best regards

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