



Clarifying statement – The Hon Alan Cadman MP,
Mrs Trish Draper MP, Mr Peter Dutton MP,
Mr Chris Pearce MP and Mr Barry Wakelin MP

By its very nature this Inquiry drew a vast range of opinions from Committee Members. During the report consideration stage, in a spirit of cooperation and with the aim of achieving a uniform position, Committee Members, whilst respecting fellow members' views, compromised and reached consensus on the recommendations.

Despite this final consideration and agreement the Committee was then advised that a dissenting report was to be submitted. After that advice, and in light of the compromises made, we took the decision that it was necessary to make the following Statement:

With particular reference to sections 7.69 and 7.138 we do not condone or support in any way the trialling or experimental procedures in which illicit drugs are used. Neither should any finding, observation or statement in this report be construed to imply that we would support injecting rooms or the use of cannabis or any process whatsoever that involves the use of illicit drugs. We agree with the rejection by the American Medical Association and the British Medical Association of the therapeutic use of raw cannabis.

Signatories to the qualifying statement on the previous page are:

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