

INQUIRY INTO LAW REFORM ISSUES REGARDING SYNTHETIC DRUGS

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Dear Mr Perrottet

Thank you for your letter dated 16 March 2012 inviting submissions to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly Inquiry concerning law reform issues regarding synthetic drugs and synthetic cannabinoid products.

On 12 August 2011, Regulations commenced that amended the *Misuse of Drugs Act* (the Act) in the Northern Territory (refer Attachment A). The Regulations inserted 18 synthetic cannabinoid substances identified as being used in the manufacture of 'herbal' or 'legal' alternatives to cannabis. Eight of these substances were included in Schedule 9 of the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons on 8 July 2011.

On 31 August 2011 a subsequent amendment resulted in an additional five substances being added to Schedule 2 of the *Misuse of Drugs Act* (refer Attachment B). These amending Regulations prohibited two of the substances, JWH 203 and JWH 210, which comprise the product known as 'Kronic Black Label'. These Regulations also prohibited a further three substances, JWH 201 and JWH 302, which are prohibited in New Zealand, and JWH 015 which is prohibited in a number of jurisdictions in the United States of America.

From an enforcement perspective, it is important that the states and territories have comparable prohibitions on synthetic cannabinoids, similar to uniform prohibitions regarding cannabis and amphetamines, and that all states and territories make it illegal to manufacture, possess, use, sell and supply the same substances and derivatives.

The importation of synthetic cannabinoids into Australia is currently not prohibited nor regulated by the Commonwealth Government. I understand that the Commonwealth is reviewing the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956 (Cth)* and the Criminal Code (Cth) with a view to prohibiting the import of certain synthetic cannabinoid substances.

Ideally, that prohibition should extend to the importation of all synthetic cannabinoid substances that have been identified.

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT A

MISUSE OF DRUGS AMENDMENT (SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS) REGULATIONS 2011

1-Cyclohexylethyl-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole *(RCS-8)	50.00 g	500.00 g
1-(5-Fluoropentyl)-3-(2-iodobenzoyl)indole *(AM-694) (Schedule 9 of Poison Standard)	50.00 g	500.00 g
1-(5-Fluoropentyl)-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole *(AM-2201)	50.00 g	500.00 g
1-Hexyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole *(JWH-019)	50.00 g	500.00 g
2-[(1R,3S)-3-Hydroxycyclohexyl]-5-(2-methylnonan-2-yl)phenol *(Cannabicyclohexanol or CP 47,497 C8 homologue) (Schedule 9 of Poison Standard)	50.00 g	500.00 g
2-[(1R,3S)-3-Hydroxycyclohexyl]-5-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)phenol *(CP 47,497)(Schedule 9 of Poison Standard)	50.00 g	500.00 g
9-(Hydroxymethyl)-6,6-dimethyl-3-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)-6A,7,10,10A-tetrahydrobenzo[c]chromen-1-ol *(HU-210)	50.00 g	500.00 g
4-Methoxyphenyl(1butyl-1h-indol-3-yl)-methanone *(RCS-4 (C4))	50.00 g	500.00 g
2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-pentylindol-3-yl)ethanone *(JWH-250)(Schedule 9 of Poison Standard)	50.00 g	500.00 g
(1-(2-Morpholin-4-ylethyl)indol-3-yl)-naphthalen-1-ylmethanone *(JWH-200)(Schedule 9 of Poison Standard)	50.00 g	500.00 g
Naphthalen-1-yl-(1-butylindol-3-yl)methanone *(JWH-073)(Schedule 9 of Poison Standard)	50.00 g	500.00 g
1-Pentyl-3-(4-chloro-1-naphthoyl)indole *(JWH-398)	50.00 g	500.00 g
1-Pentyl-1h-indol-3-yl-(1-naphthoyl)menthane *(JWH-175)	50.00 g	500.00 g
1-Pentyl-3-[(4-methoxy)-benzoyl]indole *(RCS-4)	50.00 g	500.00 g
1-Pentyl-3-(4-methoxynaphthoyl)indole *(JWH-081)	50.00 g	500.00 g
1-Pentyl-3-(4-methyl-1-naphthoyl)indole *(JWH-122) (Schedule 9 of the Poison Standard)	50.00 g	500.00 g
1-Pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole *(JWH-018) (Schedule 9 of the Poison Standard)	50.00 g	500.00 g
Pravadoline *(WIN 48098)	50.00 g	500.00 g

ATTACHMENT B

MISUSE OF DRUGS AMENDMENT (SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS) REGULATIONS (NO 2) 2011

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-pentyl-1h-indol-3-yl)-ethanone *(JWH-201)	50.0 g	500.00 g
2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-pentylindol-3-yl)ethanone *(JWH-302)	50.0 g	500.00 g
1-Pentyl-3-(2-chlorophenylacetyl)indole *(JWH-203)	50.0 g	500.00 g
1-Pentyl-3-(4-ethyl-1-naphthoyl)indole *(JWH-210)	50.0 g	500.00 g
1-Propyl-2-methyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole *(JWH-015)	50.0 g	500.00 g