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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL
PURPOSES**

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Numerous international studies have been conducted demonstrating cannabis's effectiveness in the treatment of a wide range of medical issues. It seems inevitable that medical cannabis will eventually become a part of healthcare just the same as it has in many other nations. Australians shouldn't be left behind the rest of the developed world when it comes to medical cannabis. If anything Australia, with its high number of skilled scientists, should be at the forefront for innovation in this new field. The only thing achieved by not adopting it immediately is to farther the suffering of many citizens who are desperate for what cannabis can provide. Please, if you have ever had a family member die from cancer or AIDS then you would know the insane suffering that they went through. To continue to deny them a medicine that both provides pain relief and increases appetite would be doing your country a great injustice.