

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

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## Medical Cannabis in Australia

I believe that medicinal grade cannabis is already being grown and used appropriately by many people. Several countries that we hold no economic embargo against, already distribute cannabis for medicinal means.

I'm not a fan of the system as I understand it in America.

In Australia I would like to see the Pharmacists AND/OR Naturopaths directly involved in testing and distributing of 'locally supplied' medicinal grade cannabis. If the produce is of a sufficient grade. Then a naturopath OR Pharmacist would market the cannabis appropriately based on its Cannabinoid profile.

Primary producers should feel free to contribute without threat of retribution, without trust this industry will never reach its potential.

I would like to see cannabis used in the treatment of cancer. I am aware that cannabinoids can be used to induce apoptosis in a malignancy. In the trials I noticed that the healthy cells were uninfected. I am aware that current treatments can be nauseating. I am aware that cannabis can be an unpleasant experience for some. However when faced with the standard of current treatment I can see no reason why cannabis isn't being used for the treatment of cancer. To continue not to would be CRIMINAL.

I am aware that many mentally ill people use cannabis to effectively help them manage their depression or anxiety. However several strains are used to achieve the desired result. Presently most people trying to self-medicate buy an unknown variety from a local drug dealer, this is very ineffective. By offering quality control and guidance cannabis can become a great blessing to Australia.

At the moment cannabis is little more than a curse to the community, as it fuels the ascent of petty criminals into well-funded big criminals. Remove their cash crop and watch organised crime take a soccer punch. You won't end them but that will really hurt them, and the authorities might be able to get the upperhand on the distribution of things like ICE.

On that note I would like MDMA to be examined closer. I've been looking at the UK model.

Watching with great interest.