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

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I am in favor of legalizing the use of medical cannabis. As someone who has suffered depression, anxiety and sleeping problems cannabis has been a miracle. I began using around 5 years ago and since then everything in my life has become much, much better. Initially it was used as a sleeping aid as script drugs were having very undesirable effects. From there I have used it to help with anxiety, stress, depression and as pain killer. It has been incredibly effective without any undesirable side effects.

Currently I am not using cannabis anymore, I may again in the future but it has helped me deal with my problems and I did not experience any difficulties withdrawing from an almost daily use over a period of 4-5 years.

The legalization of medical cannabis would be an excellent step forward for the Australian society and medical world. I have seen first hand how beneficial it has been for cancer sufferers. I have also seen it been used to great effect to help a person with a hard drug addiction regain their life and battle with hard substance abuse.

On a global scale the benefits of medical cannabis are clearly proven. Its rise is dominant and Australia is far better of acting now and allowing people suffering to benefit from its medicinal properties sooner rather than later.