

**Supplementary
Submission
No 85a**

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

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Talking to the committee made me realise what a unique community Nimbin is in that it has been attracting people who love cannabis for about forty years now. Our common ground is that it's a medicine that works for us. There are many ex alcoholics and I wish I had mentioned yesterday how I have slowly discovered there are a number of epilepsy sufferers here who realised pot prevents them fitting. The muscle relaxing properties of the herb are loved by MS and cerebral palsy sufferers and I have watched an old man with shocking Parkinson's disease completely stop shaking after two big lungful's of cannabis smoke. He swayed from side to side with a grin from ear to ear. I cried! The other thing I wished I mentioned yesterday was how popular cannabis is amongst Aboriginals and how much better it is for them than grog!

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