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INQUIRY INTO USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

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Successful use of cannabis tincture & Cannabis in the treatment of Crohn's Disease.

In I was the victim of a vicious attack which resulted in a fractured skull, brain damage and subsequent Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

In I was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. Crohn's Disease causes inflammation of the bowel. It most commonly affects the lower small intestine (ileum) and the large intestine (colon), but may involve any part of the digestive tract from the mouth to the anus. The inflammation extends through the entire thickness of the bowel wall. Such inflammation can cause abdominal pain, diarrhoea and a range of other symptoms including fever and weight loss. There is no known cure.

I also have Osteopaenia Avascular necrosis on my shoulder.

I participated in medical trials at _____ for many years but nothing eased my symptoms. Many different medications, including chemotherapy, proved useless and Azathioprine, the last one tried, almost killed me. In the gastrologist told me they had nothing more to offer me and I was left to my own devices.

In desperation I turned to the internet to research alternative treatments. Entering "crohn's disease"+"medical marijuana" into Google currently gains 138,000 results including this article. Cannabis-based drugs could offer new hope for inflammatory bowel disease patients

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/28584.php>

After reading the following, Researchers investigating anecdotal evidence that cannabis relieves some of the symptoms of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) have discovered a potential new target for cannabis-derived drugs for treatment of the disease, I decided more investigation was warranted.

I came across an article about Tony Bower of Mullaway's Medical Marijuana who had developed a cannabinoid based medicine in tincture form and was supplying it at no charge to anyone who supplied a medical report from their GP.

I contacted the Nimbin Hemp Embassy which assists Tony Bower in his endeavours and it was not long before I had my first bottle of tincture along with some Hemp oil and a Trial Document to be filled out to record how I was doing with the medication which goes by the name of Mullaway's Medical Tincture. I was impressed by the professional way I was dealt with by the Embassy and I also signed a letter that was for the TGA.

I used about 5 drops in the morning and 5 at night and after a week I was amazed that at the relief I gained from both the abdominal pain and insomnia despite discontinuing the use of valium. Bowel motions reduced from around 20 a day to around 4 and I was far less irritable and anxious.

Despite previously being very much against the use of non pharmaceutical drugs, having lost a friend to drug use and witnessing adverse outcomes in drug use in my past employment, I am now convinced that cannabis has a legitimate place in the treatment of my severe medical issues.

However, my greatest difficulty is maintaining a consistent supply of the medicine, especially as Tony Bower's efforts with the manufacture of Mullaway's Medical Tincture is continually threatened by the Police despite his every effort to meet the legal requirements to produce and distribute what to me is a miracle medicine. The illegality of cannabis cultivation precludes me from growing my own. This is extremely frustrating to a person who has to live with an incurable disease whose symptoms mainstream medicine cannot even relieve, unlike the success I have had with Mullaway's Medical Tincture.

Sometime in the not too distant future I look forward to being free to use cannabis as a medicine without discrimination and being viewed as a criminal. I

find the present situation totally immoral and against my human rights. In my opinion, my choice to medicate with a natural herb to treat my symptoms should be an inalienable right, especially considering it has been the only medicine that has gained me any relief from what are extremely debilitating symptoms.

All laws regarding the use of cannabis, particularly its use as a medicine, are long overdue for amendment. There is now overwhelming scientific research that shows that cannabis has been for too long damned as a dangerous drug when in fact its use can be beneficial for a wide range of medical complaints, including my own.

