

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

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The science is out there that cannabis has several medical applications. Many states in the US have legalized cannabis for medical use with great success. Australia should follow suit.

There are a variety of reasons why cannabis should be legalized for medical purposes:

**Economic:** the government would save on court costs as well as produce income from tax revenue. Would see the population of the state rise, increasing economic power, as medical cannabis users moved to NSW so they can take their medicine legally.

**Environmental:** control of the medical cannabis industry would see fewer national parks and state forests destroyed for cannabis plantations. Further, chemicals used to grow cannabis would be controlled, causing a reduction in infiltration into the ecosystem.

**Government:** would be a positive move for a parliamentarian, many people would switch their vote in this case. Further, the government would be praised for ensuring the health of their community. Police would be able to spend their time catching dangerous criminals.

**Social:** would see a reduction in criminal activity, leading to fewer arrests for personal consumption. Crime gangs would be disbanded, as their cash flow is diminished.