

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

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The medical benefits of cannabis are widely recognised. I have provided a link to a decent list of studies/articles showing this.

Medical Cannabis submission

Cannabis is, without a doubt, the most therapeutic substance known to man. Its reputation has unfortunately been tainted through criminalisation and fear mongering from misinformation and bias studies. The medical benefits are real and plentiful.

Here is a terrific list of studies, but not all of them, showing cannabis' medical efficacy -

<http://forum.grasscity.com/medical-marijuana-usage-applications/436257-granny-storm-crows-list-july-2009-a.html>

Here are a few anecdotal reports from young medical cannabis patients in the US -

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/12/01/cannabis-for-infants-brain_2224898.html

<http://seattle.cbslocal.com/2012/11/26/mom-gives-7-year-old-daughter-medical-marijuana-to-battle-leukemia/>

http://www.wivb.com/dpps/entertainment/must_see_video/dad-gives-6-year-old-medical-marijuana-nd12_5078030

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYlAbJRQ5g0>

Juicing Cannabis: The potential health benefits of treating Cannabis like a vegetable –

<http://www.medicaljane.com/cannabis-the-foundation-of-health/>

There is also the issue of civil liberty. Our bodies are our property, not the governments. We have the right to do what we want with our own property. Frederic Bastiat, an 19th century French economist, statesman and author, said "*Life, liberty and property do not exist because men have made laws. On the contrary, it was the fact that life, liberty and property existed beforehand that caused men to make laws.*" Criminalising cannabis is a major violation of our right to life, liberty and property.

Please, legalise it. There are people suffering right now who could greatly benefit from it. We would join many other nations and jurisdictions including 18 states in the US, Israel, Canada, Argentina, Chile, Peru, the Netherlands, as well as others. This plant could do so much good for the state of New South Wales.