

**Submission
No 111**

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

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I am a user of Cannabis, medicinally, for the past 12 years. My initial use of Cannabis as a medicine rather than as another recreational drug began in 2002 ev after I contracted Ross River Virus. This nuisance, mosquito-borne illness severely aggravated the Osteo-arthritis that I suffer from throughout my body, especially my knee joints, which makes even walking very painful at most times.

I use a combination of pharmaceutical (legal) drugs such as anti-inflammatories and analgesics along with Cannabis (illegal) to relieve the pain in my body and the pain in my brain, caused by the pain in my body. Without Cannabis I achieve some pain reduction, however the pharmaceuticals alone cause drowsiness and a general sense of lethargy. With Cannabis I generally have the relief from pain as well as a more peaceful, positive outlook on life.

I rely upon my friends to provide me with my Cannabis. This they do at no charge, although of course I help them out in any way that I can as repayment for their generosity. Also, in past I have tried locally produced Cannabis Tincture successfully. This is also illegal.

I look forward to a positive outcome from this Enquiry for both myself and all Cannabis users.I believe that our government is not waging a War on Drugs-it is waging a war on the people

Yours Sincerely,

Brad Ryan