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INQUIRY INTO USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

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To The Director & General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

I wish to make a submission into the inquiry for the use of Cannabis for medical use in New South Wales, Australia.

As per United Nations SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961, which Australia is a signed party.

As quoted page 15/44 of the included copy,

The Parties,

Concerned with the health and welfare of mankind,

Recognizing that the medical use of narcotic drugs continues to be indispensable for the relief of pain and suffering and that adequate provision must be made to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs for such purposes,

The legend of cannabis as a panacea for all kinds of physical, psychological and spiritual imbalance has been authenticated by rigorous scientific studies. As further research continues, the potential medical indications for cannabis therapy appear boundless. It seems that each month, another widely respectable agency is announcing the results of its carefully documented investigation, demonstrating yet another need for cannabis therapy. so far, test results have shown it to be : anti-addictive, anti-aggressive, anti- allergent, anti-anxiety, anti-asthmatic, anti-bacterial, anti-biotic, anti-cancerous, anti-cholesterol, anti-febrile, anti-convulsive, anti-depressant, anti-diabetic, anti-exhaustive, anti-hypertensive, anti-inflammatory, anti-insomniac, anti-nausiant, anti-oxidant, anti-tumoral, anti-spasmodic, anti-stroke and, a neuro-protective, a digestive aid, and appetite stimulant, and a muscle relaxant. At this time, Cannabis is accepted by the progressive medical community for an enormous number of specific disorders so that realistically speaking it's only a matter of time before the entire world embraces the wonders within cannabis.

So not only are you obliged by the United Nations to make provisions, as a modest western country, there must be change.

Legally, I see decriminalisation as the only answer. With the current model of legal system that is in place, medical cannabis users are currently labeled and face not only legal repercussions, but also the stigma and limitations involved.

Supply of the cannabis should be modelled the same as the dispensary system in the u.s.a. As everything is tested to be fit for consumption, and this will drive the economy like nothing in Australia ever has. We have the climate here for a larger hemp industry also.

I hope I have been of help, this is something that I feel passionately about and have faith and trust that there will be changes in the near future. Many thanks .