

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

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The NCPIC are currently financially involved in the supply of medical cannabis in Australia in collaboration with GW Pharmaceuticals in the UK.

This is despite the NCPIC being a not for profit, government funded organisation following a charter of cannabis prevention. They publish and promote within the Australian community any information, studies and literature that is anti-cannabis, disregarding all information that sheds cannabis in a positive light. They fail to recognise medical cannabis in any of their general literature.

At best this is a conflict of interests. A cynical person would be fair to assume the NCPIC is involved in cannabis prevention information in order to protect their own unique position and financial interests in Australia's medical cannabis industry. Especially given the NCPIC has published fabricated anti-cannabis information in the past. (I can provide example of this if asked to)

Given the NCPICs' conflict of interests stated above and the fact the NCPIC is currently importing medical cannabis from the UK and doing this with government approval and with government funding I would like to see this situation and the NCPIC among the things this committee investigates.

As an Australian citizen I want a government funded cannabis information centre that publishes balanced and accurate information and is free from conflicted interests. How can I or anyone trust information from the NCPIC as being accurate and reliable given the current situation?

I can see no reason for importing medical cannabis when it can be produced easily within Australia, supplying jobs to Australian's and export opportunities for Australian companies.

Current cannabis laws are only cultivating organised crime and making organised criminal gangs rich.

There are already clandestine cannabis compassion and care clubs operating in Australia supplying cannabis medicines to patients and there are a number of medical cannabis companies currently registered with ASIC. I would like to see them licensed and operating business openly and legally in place of the currently flourishing black market for cannabis which is only attracting and benefiting criminal elements and organised crime gangs.

I would like to see personal amounts of possession and cultivation of cannabis legalised

For larger amounts I would like to see a licence required and made available through amendments made to the NSW HEMP INDUSTRY ACT 2008 allowing licences to cultivate high THC cannabis for commercial reasons such as medical use.

My Doctors agree I use cannabis for medical reasons. They have described my involvement with cannabis as being a "fundamental part of my sense of self" but they are unwilling to prescribe cannabis to me due to fear of repercussions from the current legal situation of heavily regulated cannabis. This is despite the fact they can do so legally,

They are unable to offer me any other suitable alternatives to cannabis to treat my medical conditions. This has left me having to take care of my own health regarding medication supply and treatment of my medical conditions best I can. This has made me feel very isolated and alone. My Doctors describe this situation as "unfortunate" and tell me "I just have to live with it unless cannabis laws change".

The fact Doctors can legally prescribe cannabis to me, but are unwilling to do so due only to fear of heavily regulated cannabis law, is a situation I find unacceptable. I want to see the legal status of medical cannabis made clear and more simple to navigate for Doctors and have it made easier and simpler for them to prescribe free from fear of repercussions.

If the committee would like me to expand on any of the information I have supplied in this submission please don't hesitate to ask as I would be happy to do so in writing or in person if required.

I can be contacted via the contact details I have supplied with this submission.