

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

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Att: Merrin Thompson

G'day Merrin,

My name is Stuart Parr, I am a 46 y/o father of 5 children aged between 11 and 21, and I have terminal cancer (Pharanasal/Sinus Cancer) with an end of life expectancy of 6 – 12 months. I know I have a horrible, painful death ahead of me. I am currently on a large number of medications including 150mg of Fretnal (Morphine patch) and up to 250 ml of Odrine (Morphine syrup) for break through pain.

The politicians won't give me a way to die with dignity (euthanasia), nor will they allow me to use natural substance / herb as marijuana to make life a bit easier and with less side affect then morphine. The USA and numerous European countries support the use of marijuana for Cancer and Palliative Care. It was recommended to me by a person in the medical industry.

Merrin, we are just an everyday Mr. & Mrs. Average, who has worked hard to support our family and bring them up to have good values and law abiding people. Our whole life as a family has changed, our children have has to watch the decline of my health and my wife now needs to care for me 24/7. When you are put into our position you will look at anything that might help or make life easier.

I broke the law and acquired some marijuana for my own usage. We found it helped tremendously with pain, nausea and appetite, two of the biggest problem when in palliative care.

Why do I need to commit a criminal act to help myself when so many countries and nabouring countries have embraced the values of marijuana for medical purposes?

If the politicians wont let me die with dignity, at least let me live with some.

Regards

Stuart Parr