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INQUIRY INTO USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

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I'm a respected professional who suffers from severe sleeping disorders stemming from chronic back pain. Recently I spent [redacted] in California where I had access to legal medical marijuana. I can personally attest to what consecutive nights of good sleep can have....wow. Of course once arriving back in my home country, which I like to think is progressive in its nature, if I choose to self medicate with cannabis, I would be deemed a criminal by the law, exposing not only myself but my family to all the drama that goes with it.

The medicinal dispensary system in California isn't perfect and leads itself to abuse by allowing a relatively low level of regulation, but I don't think this should stop the initiative. Learnings can and should be taken from California if/when Australia decides to legalize cannabis in either a recreational or medicinal capacity.

Given the medical access to much more destructive drugs such as methamphetamine (ich is prescribed to our children mind you) I find the outright roadblock placed for medical cannabis is uncalled for and is a cause for questioning among our community as to the motives. I personally have written numerous letters to members of parliament and have not ever received a response as to my legitimate enquiries.

I have no doubt that one day Australia, like many other respected western countries, will allow the use of cannabis as the individual desires whether it be recreational or medicinal.....hopefully this is one step in the truth about the plant coming to light, and more importantly one step closer to the individual have the right to decide for themselves.

Kind regards,