

Submission to the Victorian Law Reform Commission

MEDICINAL CANNABIS REFERENCE

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To whom it may concern,

I write to express my support of the use of medicinal cannabis oil.

Without it, we wouldn't have our son with us today. We used to wake each morning afraid to walk into his bedroom. We had found him blue and lifeless multiple times prior to introducing cannabis to his treatment.

Since beginning he has hardly been in hospital, he has shown everyone his personality. He is developing.

We understand and accept it isn't a cure for him. But boy it gives a quality of life, for him and our entire family.

Medications have been weaned and in some cases stopped, under Dr's advice as cannabis oil is now assisting. So much so, it has been given in two hospitals now.

We recently ran out of cbd oil, within days he was in hospital. One day alone he had over 900 seizures. On oil he only has 2-3 seizures. A dramatic change!

Our concern with any legislation and one that we understand may not be popular is regulation. We support for the sole use for medical treatment after others have failed. Drs and nurses will need to be taught, there is so much unknown about the cannabonoid system and different strains of cannabis for different treatments.

No one should have to go through what we had to. No one should be arrested for acting in their child's best interest. No one should run out of medication causing regression which may take months to regain. No one should have to make the choice, break the law? Or watch their loved one suffer or potentially die.

We look forward to working towards change and are happy to discuss our personal situation any further if needed.

Rhett Wallace & Cassie Batten