

## Online submission to the Victorian Law Reform Commission

### MEDICINAL CANNABIS REFERENCE

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<b>Comment</b>	I have an a .b .i. and many associated problems ,i have tried nearly everything.to no real solution to pain ect releif.but found cannabis a magic thing, kills the pain for longer, and am functioning adult.
<b>Question 1</b>	Which of the following considerations should determine whether there are exceptional circumstances for medicinal cannabis to be made available to a patient: (a) the circumstances of the patient (b) the state of clinical knowledge about the efficacy or potential efficacy of using cannabis in treating the patient's condition (c) both of the above?
<b>Response</b>	C
<b>Question 2</b>	For what conditions is there sufficient knowledge of the therapeutic benefits, dangers, risks and side effects of cannabis to justify allowing sufferers to use it lawfully in Victoria?
<b>Response</b>	pain relief,for my case,depression
<b>Question 3</b>	What special considerations, if any, justify access to medicinal cannabis for: (a) patients who are under 18 years of age (b) patients who lack capacity by reason of age or another disability (other than youth) to consent to using medicinal cannabis?
<b>Response</b>	knowledge of patient and enforced by a medical doctor
<b>Question 4</b>	On which of the following should the law creating a medicinal cannabis scheme base a person's eligibility to use medicinal cannabis: (a) a list of medical conditions (b) a list of symptoms (c) a list of symptoms arising from certain medical conditions (d) evidence that all reasonable conventional treatments have been tried and failed?
<b>Response</b>	all have been trialed and failed,or as in my case.the strong pain med,give s the feeling of a zombie and difficult to function
<b>Question 5</b>	Should there be a way to allow for special cases where a person who is otherwise ineligible may use medicinal cannabis? If so, what should that be?
<b>Response</b>	a letter from their g p,and must have seen same g p for 5 or more years

<b>Question 6</b>	If Victoria acted through a state agency, in what circumstances would it be legally entitled to establish a medicinal cannabis scheme which manufactured cannabis products without breaching the terms of the <i>Therapeutic Drugs Act 1989 (Cth)</i> or the <i>Narcotic Drugs Act 1967 (Cth)</i> ?
<b>Response</b>	unsure as pharmaceutical companies,and their money,will not allow it.
<b>Question 7</b>	Are the regulatory objectives identified by the Commission appropriate? What changes, if any, would you make to them?
<b>Response</b>	unsure,but as i know using it and the benefits,far outways,what is wrote or discussed by people.with no experience or used cannabis.
<b>Question 8</b>	Would the creation of a defence to prosecution for authorised patients and carers in possession of small amounts of dried cannabis or cannabis products be an adequate way of providing for people to be treated with medicinal cannabis in exceptional circumstances?
<b>Response</b>	with the proper checks,yes
<b>Question 9</b>	What mechanism should Victoria use to regulate the cultivation of medicinal cannabis?
<b>Response</b>	as america licensed farmers,and checks on regular basis.
<b>Question 10</b>	What approach, or approaches, should Victoria take to regulating how medicinal cannabis is processed and distributed?
<b>Response</b>	grow it in victoria,keep it all in victoria,will make jobs.and increase tax revenue.
<b>Question 11</b>	How should the Victorian medicinal cannabis scheme interact with the national arrangements for the control of therapeutic products under therapeutic goods legislation and narcotic drugs legislation?
<b>Response</b>	as any medicine does.plenty of examples.panadol ect
<b>Question 12</b>	What responsibilities should be given to health practitioners in authorising a patient's use of medicinal cannabis?
<b>Response</b>	a history and be re tested every year
<b>Question 13</b>	Who should have the authority to assess whether a patient is an appropriate candidate to be treated with medicinal cannabis: (a) all registered medical practitioners (b) certain designated specialist medical practitioners (c) registered health practitioners who have prescribing entitlements (d) a subset of these?
<b>Response</b>	would say a,if regulated and stringent.
<b>Question 14</b>	What requirements, restrictions, guidance or other assistance should health practitioners be given in monitoring a patient's use of medicinal cannabis?
<b>Response</b>	physical and regular checkups
<b>Question 15</b>	What additional restrictions or requirements, if any, should apply to patients who are vulnerable by reason of age or lack of capacity, so as to provide adequate protection for their welfare?
<b>Response</b>	that would be a case by case matter.as were all diffrent.even with restrictions.not all in the same basket.

<b>Question 16</b>	In what form(s) should medicinal cannabis be permitted to be supplied and used?
<b>Response</b>	under doctors prescription,and use as it needed.
<b>Question 17</b>	In what ways could Victoria's medicinal cannabis scheme keep pace with, and contribute to, clinical research into the therapeutic uses of cannabis and other changes in scientific knowledge, medical practices and technology?
<b>Response</b>	the benefits of users,and the extra funding.