

## Submission to the Victorian Law Reform Commission

### MEDICINAL CANNABIS REFERENCE

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I have thought long and hard about what I was going to type and have gone over it in my mind day after day night after night and these are my thoughts

Firstly let it be noted that in now way do I want to see any form of Cannibus Legalised for "Recreational" use that is not my aim, I strongly believe that there are circumstances where it has a use and that use will be different in every case.

As I can only talk on what transgressed over the last 9 months of my sons life I will stick to what I know and what I experienced as this is all that I can base my submission on..

#### Cancer

Does not conform to any rules, any regulations and affects every single person in a totally different way, therefore each person who is diagnosed with this terrible thing must workout what is good and what is bad for them, be this Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy or simply going bush and taking what comes there way. Our son chose Chemotherapy, a good diet and a healthy living, he passed away on the 1st of April 2015 so as you can see that did not help him but I stress that was "HIS CHOICE" and we supported him 100%. Please note that Chemotherapy and all the Drugs he took failed to releive his pain and suffering and this is why he turned to Cannibus Oil which I'm pleased to say helped him through this terrible body wasting and destruction that Cancer causes.

#### Chemotherapy

This gave him, constant trips to Doctors, Oncologists, Chemists, Emergency Departments, Therapists, Hospitals Wards and many other places that he had hoped would be able to help him all of which FAILED, multitude of Tests, Pills, Xrays, Chemo Killing Drugs and to cut it short a LIFE that you and I or one of our family members or close friends should bloody well PRAY we never have to experience. Although Mason never once complained and went day after day with Pain, suffering and physical body changes caused by the cancer or by those daily drug intakes.

## What Mason Wanted

He wanted. "To Get Better" sadly this was not going to happen it was too late to save him but doctors still prescribed, poked, xrayed, injected and invaded his body and on many occasions I believe this was to fix things that their own treatments had caused. As a human being Mason deserved BETTER he deserved to have a life without pain without suffering without the constant side effects caused by his medication and treatment, this was finally found in Cannabis Oil as much as I doubted its effect I could NOT refute what I was seeing before my eyes, my son was able to sleep, he was able to eat, an appetite that had left his body many months before returned with vengeance he was not pain free but it was manageable at a level far far lower than what Doctors were able to give.

The following would have made our life a hell of a lot easier and would have removed so much stress, worry and FEAR, it may not work for all and as I am not a law maker accept that this is only my view but compassion has to be high on everyone's list for those of us who don't go through life "Bullet Proof".

## My Thoughts

1. Amnesty for those willing to admit to taking cannabis for medical reasons and amnesia for family members or those assisting
2. A voluntary register for those who wish to try cannabis in whatever form in an attempt to relieve their suffering, this would also require medical evidence from practitioners supporting their ailment and prognosis but not recommending the usage but just confirming the person's condition.
3. Notification to authorities to avoid harsh treatment and harassment if questioned
4. Documentation to be recorded and forwarded to a relevant body on a weekly basis to assist in creating an informative database to see what does and what does not work. This data would be in the form of type of cannabis taken, home grown, sourced, quantity, mixture and daily dosage etc.
5. A Hotline to help sufferers and to guide them in the right direction in times of desperation and despair.
6. The Government to start production of Cannabis Crops under strict control and make Australia once again the front runner into research and the production of something that humanity requires.
7. Care Centres for the dispensing of products which are monitored and recorded

As I am not a legally minded person I do not know the exact words only the personal feelings that affected myself and my family.

My final words are these:

If Mason was the name of my 3 year old Rottweiler and suffering the same condition and in as much pain as my son the RSPCA would be on my doorstep in a flash demanding I do something to relieve his suffering or have him put down. Seems strange to me that we care more about our animals and their suffering than we do of our fellow human being.

Please feel free to contact me at any stage should you so desire.

Yours Thankfully

Robert William Wisbey

### **Further Comments Received**

Common sense to remain in place at all times and current laws to be amended setting limits and conditions.

Things such as Driving under the influence (X)

Growing excessive amounts of plants (X)

Selling or profiting (X)

Anyone abusing the system in any way shape or form (X)

To me the safety of others is always paramount over the user and in no circumstances should the user be immune from this fact.

The (X) represents a Strike or Fine or removal of the right to use or grow or have cannabis in their possession.