

Submission to the Victorian Law Reform Commission

MEDICINAL CANNABIS REFERENCE

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Thankyou for talking to us on June 23rd at Morwell. We all enjoyed the meeting and are hopeful that something can be done.

Once again I ask for an "amnesty" for people who are growing their own medicine and helping others.

Yes, trials are needed in some things, but as you are aware trials in Colorado and Israel have already been done.

There are people dying who need cannabis treatment. As a nurse/carer I cannot turn away people who need help.

Personally, I have been using Cannabis on and off for over 40 years.

Recreationally and medically, mostly medically these days.

I have Osteo-arthritis, PTSD and have been diagnosed as COAD/COPD.

Cannabis tinctures and oils work for me. Without it I am in a great deal of pain and my anxiety levels are very high because of the PTSD.

Cannabis helps me to function normally.

If the Government were to grant a 12 months amnesty to growers and patients they would soon see that nothing terrible is going to happen.

If the Government doesn't like what it sees after 12 months, then so be it.

With this leeway, we would be able to help many more people. It would pull the rug out from under the black market. So many desperate people are getting ripped off by opportunists and thieves. Children and adults are dying from unnecessary seizures and curable cancers.

I know they are demanding testing and so forth, yes it has to be done, but in the meantime please grant us an Amnesty to help people who cannot wait for these tests.

Most of us in this arena test the product on ourselves before we give it to anyone else, we have no choice.

Waiting up to 5 years for results is not an option for the people that I help.

Thankyou for listening

yours sincerely

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