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Hello,

I am writing to lodge a submission with the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing, Community and Social Services regarding the inquiry Exposure Draft of the Drugs of Dependence (Cannabis Use for Medical Purposes) Amendment Bill 2014. Below is my relevant information:

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Relevance: I was flown into Australia to speak at the Inaugural Medicinal Cannabis Symposium about cannabis fighting

cancer in humans. I am on the list of speakers at <u>UnitedinCompassion.com.au</u>.

It said there was no definitive structure for this inquiry, so below is a general summary. If there is absolutely anything I should change, modify, add, or delete, please let me know!

My specialty, and what I talked about at the Symposium, is cannabis extracts killing cancer in humans. The scientific evidence alone is overwhelming. The primary cannabinoids in cannabis, THC and CBD, have been shown to kill or inhibit virtually every major type of cancer in cell and animal studies. As importantly, our bodies produce endocannabinoids which kill cancer cells through similar mechanisms as plant cannabinoids. This phenomenon makes it far more likely that cannabis would kill cancer in humans.

In addition to the science, I talked about several terminal cancer patients who are in full remission from using cannabis extracts. In fact, a terminal lung cancer survivor named Sharon Kelly was at the Symposium, sharing her medical documentation. Her documentation and that of many other terminal cancer survivors can be found at CannabisExtractReport.com, along with testimony from doctors, dispensaries, corporations, and caregivers from around the world of cannabis killing cancer.

I personally watched two close family friends start-to-finish beat their cancers with cannabis extracts. Even the United States Food and Drug Administration has approved CBD as an orphan drug to <u>directly treat</u> brain cancer. A corporation called GW Pharmaceuticals has a patent on using <u>cannabinoids to treat cancer</u>.

There is no way to summarize how strong the evidence is, but it is undeniably true that cannabis extracts are having significant impacts on human cancers. They also synergistically enhance the anti-cancer effects of chemotherapy and radiation, as well as reduce side effects from those treatments. This is the most important and most urgent use of medicinal cannabis. Many terminal cancer patients could have their lives saved or their pain drastically alleviated.

I understand it is hard to believe that cannabis extracts can directly fight even terminal cancers. But think about how amazing it is that extracts are completely stopping epileptic seizures that literally even the top neurologists and drugs in the world couldn't stop. Please take this seriously, it is a life-or-death issue for thousands.

Thank you so much for listening, and I look forward to staying in touch about this issue.

Regards, Justin Kander 410-967-1832