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Dear Hon Dr Walker

INQUIRY INTO CANNABIS AND HEMP

Thank your correspondence of 4 November 2021, sent to the Mental Health Commissioner, Ms Jennifer McGrath, regarding an invitation to make a submission on the terms of reference of the Select Committee Inquiry into Cannabis and Hemp (the Inquiry).

The Mental Health Commission's (MHC) remit includes the prevention, treatment and support of the illicit use of cannabis products in Western Australia. The prescribing and supply of all medicinal cannabis products is the responsibility of the Medicines and Poisons Regulation Branch in the Western Australian Department of Health (DoH). The Medicines and Poisons Branch oversee legislative and regulatory changes concerning the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2014 (WA)* (the Act). Cannabis and Hemp have been scheduled as S4 and S8 medicines under the Poisons Standard and must comply with the MP Act. For these reasons, the MHC will respectfully decline to make a submission into the Inquiry at this time.

The MHC will continue to liaise and work collaboratively with the DoH on issues related to cannabis, cannabinoids and related products, and will contribute to their submission if required.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission into your Inquiry. The MHC look forward to following the progress of the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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