

Barriers preventing me from partaking in medicinal cannabis use in WA,.

1) As a diagnosed chronic pain sufferer, I have had no assistance from my own GP, in this treatment. Even after I made an enquiry as to how I could get it.

2) After my own research online, I found it can be dispensed here in Subiaco. But the process and procedure to become registered is overly complex and expensive.

3) Medicinal cannabis here in WA, is not the same as the USA product. It is over-refined to remove any intoxicating effects. However, it also removes much of the beneficial aspects of cannabis.

4) It is cheaper and easier to buy full-strength, unrefined, naturally grown , Cannabis, from black-market/street dealers.

5) cannabis for me, is a natural, enjoyable alternative to pharmaceutical pain medication. I have used it since aged 20 (53 now), and yes, like alcohol, it must be used in moderation. But for me, it works well.

The only danger at the moment, is our archaic legislation, preventing me from a beneficial treatment that makes my life easier.

Furthermore, the resulting saving in unnecessary fines, policing, legal costs and so forth, would more than justify removing the legislative barriers keeping cannabis illegal.

I am a cannabis user, I have no history of violence, no road traffic infringements or demerit points, successful career, loving father and a valuable, contributing member of my community.

( I work in disability, aged care & mental health, as a high care support worker.)

I support the need for cannabis reform and easier access to medical cannabis.