l, Sophia Moermond, of in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter of this petition which contains 784 signatures.

Legalising Cannabis

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled. We the undersigned ...

believe that cannabis is used legally and illegally by approximately 60% of the population. There is a significant overlap between recreational and medicinal use.

Legalisation would allow for a regulated market that increases safety to consumers, improves safeguarding of minors, reduces criminality, and can provide significant tax income to state and federal governments.

Legalisation would allow for the development of a cannabis industry which can benefit our local economy as well as the export industry. Industries that would benefit include natural supplement companies, tourism, and the hospitality industry.

Currently our indigenous population in particular are impacted by prohibition, with for example mothers being incarcerated due to not being able to pay fines. This further contributes to inter-generational trauma and perpetuates a cycle of disparity.

Positive benefits for the state would include reduced costs related to policing, court costs, and incarceration costs.

We therefore request that the Legislative Council recommend to the Government that it introduce legislation to allow for the development of a regulated cannabis industry.

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