

Dear ACMS,

I am writing with strong support of removing CBD from Schedule 4, and for CBD to be regulated as a complimentary medicine.

(Please see cover sheet attached)

Being a medical cannabis patient I have seen first-hand the significant, positive impact Cannabidiol has had on my life; while allowing my medicine to be natural & plant based. I look forward to the day that THC and other cannabinoids take a similar path to what is currently proposed for CBD. Hopefully this is the beginning of a logical, health based approach to all Cannabis plant compounds ie Cannabinoids.

Benefits to CBD becoming Over The Counter –

- Reduced cost
- Easier access
- Broader product availability
- Promoting plant medicine
- Reducing the Cannabis stigma in Australia
- This change will allow the black market THC consumers access to The Entourage Effect. The Entourage Effect (in short) is when multiple cannabinoids work in conjunction with each other, activating the endocannabinoid system to its full effect; increasing the therapeutic effect of each isolated Cannabinoid. The Entourage Effect was discovered by Dr Ethan Russo and is common knowledge among cannabis patients. With THC being easily accessed on the black market, CBD remains quite difficult. These two compounds (CBD & THC) work incredibly well in harmony and the rescheduling of CBD would help those “criminal patients” have a better quality of life.

Suggested additional amendment –

- Reschedule all Cannabinoids to be OTC

Thank you for taking the time to consider the points raised. I look forward to the positive change.

Yours truly,

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