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I am a female.

I wish to protest the plans to change the classification of the so called 'poppers', Alkyl Nitrite.

Currently it is used by a third of gay men, and harms nobody – there is no documented evidence of harm. So who gains by changing the classification And not just that but by 'criminalising' the drug? Well, your average doctor, financially of course, if the patient has to go and get a script ... from a doctor. Am I really the only person who sees this as a rort?

The people supporting the ban – are this horrid minority who hide under the banner of the AMA. They have not to produce any evidence, merely rabbiting what the 'possible' side effects are.

Where I ask is the evidence of harm, as opposed to the benefits to the group who use it.

Gough Whitlam once described the AMA as the most powerful trade union in Australia, with a power totally disproportionate to the percentage of doctors who are actually members.

And so yet another shonky union gets to dictate terms on a subject it knows so little about. It is a mistake to think that 'doctors' are knowledgeable. Just ask your average nurse. Ask doctors what they really know about gay sex, and then ask your average nurse. There's lots of things we could ask really. I doubt you will like the answers.

In fact why don't you ask the nurses what drugs should be looked at – and it won't include the poppers, or the recently banned low dose codeine. It will be the Ibuprofen that ruins the kidneys of our indigenous, and the guts of our young, not forgetting to mention the respiratory system of our asthmatics who take it and fail to make the link between their breathing and the Ibuprofen. But let's sell that at a supermarket!! Ask how many abuse Promethazine, gosh I could provide some scary numbers on that – but you can easily get large amounts of that!

And then go and look seriously at the statistics of how many people can walk into your average ED and get themselves a box of Endone. Those same people who really only needed a couple of Panadeine. But you took that away from them. It's not the low dose codeine killing the people of Australia, it's the bloody prescription drugs. And who ... exactly ... prescribes??? Oh, that would be the doctors. In fact, lets have a look at the prescribing habits of the doctors of the AMA. No? Why not? Because everybody is too frightened to look at a group which is self governing, and realistically is subject to no restrictions by government. Shame.

The TGA to your average nurse – well some things just cannot be relayed. And should not. You have to grow some serious nerves and stop being dictated to by this pathetic minority who seek to totally cock up the lives of your average Australian. Who usually have very little voice.

How about instructing your doctors to put in some honest effort into making a difference. Into giving up some time for humanitarian purposes. Into identifying things that will help the minorities, instead of marginalizing them. I cannot remember a single time I heard of a doctor being pro-active for no money.

Sadly, I'm wasting my time. Because I'm not a doctor – you most certainly will not care.

Schedule 3 to schedule 9. Crazy people. Bloody un-Australian.