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**To:** Inquiry into the Use of Cannabis in Victoria  
**Subject:** Use of Cannabis Submission

To Whom it May Concern,

Considering everything happening around us, it's the right time to have this discussion around Cannabis.

With our economy now taking a giant hit, we have the opportunity to not only fast track some much needed revenue into our economy but also create and grow a new industry that can bring in at least \$1.5 billion by 2024 (according to [Prohibition Partners](#)).

I am a medical cannabis user, for pain management, anxiety and insomnia. Before I was able to access medicinal cannabis, I was turning to the black market for flower. Even now, with being "allowed" to use my medicine, it still feels like I am breaking the law each time I consume cannabis. Let me be honest - it has vastly improved my pain, and my mental wellbeing. I'm a better employee, husband and father because of this plant.

As much as I do believe in the legalisation also of recreational cannabis, **the right step now, is to follow the ACT model**. The sky didn't fall in ( as most people educated in cannabis knew ).

Age old arguments about "the gateway drug" are rubbish also, if we are using that as a reason to stop, then Milk should be classified as a gateway drug, since all drug users started off having Milk.

Kind Regards,  
Brad