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Medical Cannabis Users Association of Australia

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## **MCUA Demand change to “unworkable” Laws – Patient access NOW**

**MCUA have maintained that current laws do nothing to make Medical Cannabis available to patients, but does more to deny them access. AUSTRALIAN philanthropist Barry Lambert, \$34million donor to Australian Cannabis Research agrees and “has turned his back on Australia and taken his chequebook to the US, where he believes medicinal cannabis research is being taken more seriously.” “The finance sector identity also blasted as “unworkable” new federal laws passed to legalise medicinal cannabis.”**

It seems the new laws are not only unworkable for patients and doctors, but also for the prospective growers

Australia just kissed goodbye an industry that has the potential to be of unimaginable economic golden goose.

Susan Ley says she heard the people. Perhaps she should have listened closer. Perhaps the TGA should also have listened, when MCUA brought multiple patient access issues to their attention.

1. No guarantee of approval - regardless if Cannabis has been a successful treatment already.
2. Duplication of application processes at Federal & State levels.
3. No guarantee of availability of required products for import.
4. No guarantee of continuing supply ( Once a country's annual export quota has been reached no further exports that year, no exceptions. Quotas are very limited).
5. No Authorized Prescribing Drs List.
6. No Qld Health employed Drs or Specialists will be prescribing – under threat of “Toe the Party line on Cannabis or face dismissal!”.
7. SAS Category A regulations changed behind closed doors, further denying patient access.
8. No Australian supply.
9. No strain selection - again denying an essential requirement for Cannabis Medicine.
10. Prescribing Cannabis using Pharmaceutical terminology “ in mg “ is impossible without testing facilities for patients to test oil levels. Cannabis referrals should be done by strain not in mg (This method also fails to address Terpenes & Flavanoids, also essential Entourage Effect components in effective medicine.)

Barry Lambert *“It is almost two years since an Australian state government announced they would be conducting medicinal cannabis trials and still we have no results and no legal supply,” Mr Lambert said. “Australia is not serious about providing low-cost medicine to our epileptic children,”* <http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/medicinal-cannabis-research-taken-more-seriously-in-usa-than-in-australia/news-story/719f4b277e4cbe10b0b243eb8de96032>

Government have the capacity to make Cannabis Medicine legally available to patients immediately.

MCUA will be considering moving into the research area in the future, applying for a Research licence, which will represent patient needs, not dictated, ineffective pseudo-Cannabis Medicine. With 12,000 members we can show support and demand and have opened a Cannabis Patient Interest Register on our website <https://www.mcuainc.org.au/patientregister.html>