

Medical Cannabis Users Association of Australia

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The Hidden Pain of Prohibition

While the politicians at all levels are bleating about cannabis being legal and expecting us to kiss the ground they walk on, patients are left wondering why have they made access such a bureaucratic nightmare.

The MCUA of Australia Inc social media administrators field dozens of messages a week from patients who are desperate for medicine and are seeking plant material or oil from any source that "we can direct them too.."

Problem is, the police have had a bumper season and plant material is becoming impossible for many to source via the only market place that can serve their needs. We wish them and their families a Merry Christmas.

It seems patients are destined to have a bleak Christmas. With their treatment regime thrown into chaos they can expect to be living with pain and resorting to heavy duty pharmaceutical medicines that damage livers and interfere with and destabilise mental and emotional states. This can drive people to suicide – at that time of year when many are at their most vulnerable with the black dog nipping at their heals.

So while our elected representatives are enjoying a break and a few vintage wines over the festive season we hope they spare a thought for the suffering of others and consider an overhaul of the disastrous system they have created and accept once and for all that Cannabis is a herbal remedy that will never fit into the pharmaceutical model.

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