#GREENLIGHT
Celebrating the chance for a better life

Salus populi suprema lex esto, which translates as
“Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law”
- Cicero (106-43BC)
Program

- 09.00 am Families arrive
- 09.30 am Media arrive for 1:1 with patients
- 10.30 am Politicians arrive
  - 10.40 Official Program begins
  - Opening welcome by Barry Lambert including Katelyn’s story
  - Address by Dr Simon Longstaff Executive Director Ethics Centre
  - Lucy Haslam United in Compassion welcome to invited guests and introduction of patients.
  - Carol Ireland Epilepsy Action Australia to introduce patients.
  - VIPs invited to say a few words of support
  - Conclusion by Eric Wang followed by opportunities for media interviews with politicians, other invited guests and patients.
- 12.00 Close
Our motivation

To give a voice to the thousands of Australian patients who are filled with a sense of ABANDONMENT by the medical profession and by our Government which upholds unjust law which MAKES US CRIMINALS.

Our goal

To achieve public policy which recognises human rights and provides the chance for a better life by providing genuine patients with legal access to a safe, affordable, reliable supply of medicinal Cannabis TODAY.
Welcome to the Greenlight support day

- This day is a collaboration of three groups who saw the need to combine efforts in a bid to be heard by Government

- Barry and Joy Lambert and Family

- Lucy Haslam
  United in Compassion

- Carol Ireland
  Epilepsy Action Australia
What about human rights to access treatments that work for the individual?

Address by Dr Simon Longstaff AO
Executive Director
The Ethics Centre
Katelyn’s Story
As told by her Grandfather Barry Lambert
Lucy Haslam
United in Compassion

Dan Haslam
29/09/89-24/02/15
Why do we need to be heard?
Isn’t medical cannabis legal now?

“This is an historic day for Australia and the many advocates who have fought long and hard to challenge the stigma around medicinal cannabis products so genuine patients are no longer treated as criminals,” Ms Ley said.

“This is the missing piece in a patient’s treatment journey and will now see seamless access to locally-produced medicinal cannabis products from farm to pharmacy.”
Despite many momentous political announcements about cannabis being legal & available on prescription, these genuinely sick people remain criminals. They remain reliant on the illicit market for their medicine and remain largely unsupported by their doctors.

They are ordinary Australians pleading for help. How long are their needs going to be ignored?
So what has gone wrong?
Firstly there are policy issues particularly around patient access

- **No** inclusion of patient views, needs, or preferences in the decision making that has resulted in unworkable regulations
- **No** consultation with experts involved in prescribing cannabis for medical purposes. (international experts do exist and are willing to share expertise)
- **No** recognition of the burden of illness including expectation that patients find their own medicine internationally
- **No** validation of the individual patients choice of cannabis treatment despite the treatment mostly being utilised as a “last resort” when other medications have failed
- **No** provision to provide legal protection for thousands of sick Australians.

Hardly a message of care and support from a compassionate innovative country which prides itself on optimising health and wellbeing,
As if that was not bad enough, the Government made changes to category A

Notice of Motion
Mr President
(Disallowance) I give notice that, on 23 March 2017, I shall move that items 1 and 4 of Schedule 1 of the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Narcotic Drugs) Regulation 2016, made under the Crimes Act 1914 and the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989, be disallowed.

RIP Lynda Lawrie

The Federal Government made changes to Category A (which specifically accommodates the Terminally ill) to make Medicinal Cannabis the only product that cannot be accessed by the terminally ill through this category. For patients like Lynda Lawrie there is no recognition that some patients do not have the luxury of time to wait months to alleviate distressing symptoms.

Senator Di Natale
Attitudes of doctors....
Doctors are reluctant to get involved for many reasons:

"I have come to see wilful ignorance about cannabinoids as a form of patient abandonment.

The message to the patient seems to be figure it out yourself and do not tell me about it.

Such a stance is not consistent with the highest values and aspirations of medicine."

TB Strouse (2016) Cannabinoids in medical Practice
Time to stop ignoring genuine patient needs.

Time to provide meaningful support & protection to give every patient the chance for a better life.

Time to put an end to saying how can we STOP you and say how can we HELP you!
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Optimal living for people with epilepsy
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Outcome: Legalise the interim access for patients to use imported / local products whilst helping to build an evidence-based solution for the future.

States decriminalise use of cannabis to address immediate health issue
1. Legislate a ‘Register’ that provides legal protection to patients, caregivers and suppliers.
2. Patients, caregivers and suppliers must put themselves on ‘Register’ for legal protection.
3. Doctors (GP) provide a medical certificate to verify patient’s condition and confirm that cannabis MAY help condition.

Note: This proposal does not look to replace conventional medicines. This proposal provides choice to patients when conventional medicines do not work / work as well as cannabis-based treatments.

States support education and research for long term future
1. Use ‘Register’ as a means to collect data as part of an N=1 trial to build knowledge on dosing, products, outcomes, adverse reactions, etc.
2. States may test products if desired. If products contain heavy metals, pesticides, etc. states will ban product / producer from ‘Register’.

States become the key communication pathway to support patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals.
Final thoughts/ comments from our guests?

Thankyou for coming and thankyou for caring!

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