

MEDICAL CANNABIS POLICY



The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party recognises the right of patients to access medicine prescribed by their doctor, free from stigma, excessive regulation, or discrimination. Cannabis prescribed for medical purposes is medicine. Patients who follow lawful medical advice should not be treated as criminals.

Just as firearms policy must balance freedom with safety, and regional health policy must ensure fairness, our approach to medical cannabis is grounded in evidence, common sense, and respect for patients.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- 1. All Australians deserve access to the treatments their doctor prescribes, including medical cannabis.
- 2. Medical cannabis should be regulated to ensure safety and quality but not tied up in unnecessary red tape that delays or denies access.
- 3. Patients should not be penalised at work, on the road, or in the community when they are following medical advice.
- 4. Laws must focus on impairment and criminal misuse, not on punishing law-abiding patients.
- 5. Community education is essential to reduce stigma and ensure fair treament of patients using prescribed cannabis.



OUR ACTION PLAN

- 1. Streamline approval processes under the Therapeutic Goods Administration so patients are not burdened by long delays or excessive paperwork.
- 2. Support local cultivation and manufacturing to ensure supply, create regional jobs, and reduce costs.
- 3. Mandate clear product labelling, dosage guidance, and safety warnings on all prescribed cannabis.
- 4. Reform roadside drug testing laws to target actual impairment, not simply the presence of cannabis in the body.
- 5. Ensure workplace laws protect patients from discrimination, while balancing legitimate safety requirements.
- 6. Fund education campaigns to help communities understand the difference between medical and recreational cannabis use.
- 7. Commit to regular, evidence-based reviews of medical cannabis laws to ensure they remain fit for purpose.