



MEDICINAL CANNABIS POLICY

Medical Cannabis, Patient Rights, and
Fair Access



WHAT WE BELIEVE

All patients have the right to access lawful medical treatment as prescribed by their doctor.

Medical cannabis, when prescribed, is a legitimate form of medicine and must be treated as such.

Patients who follow medical advice should never be criminalised, stigmatised, or discriminated against.

Healthcare decisions must be made between patients and their doctors—not dictated by unnecessary bureaucracy.

Regulation must balance safety with access, ensuring patient wellbeing without creating barriers.

Policy should be grounded in evidence, common sense, and compassion.

Regional and rural Australians must have the same access to medical cannabis as those in metropolitan areas.



OUR POLICIES

Patients should not be caught between medical need and unnecessary regulation.

This policy restores dignity, fairness, and common sense—ensuring that those who need medical cannabis can access it safely, legally, and without stigma.

Respect patients. Trust doctors. Deliver fair access.

Protect Patient Rights

Guarantee the right of patients to access prescribed medical cannabis without fear of criminal penalty. Ensure patients are not subject to discrimination in employment, housing, or services due to lawful medical use. Protect patient privacy and confidentiality in all aspects of treatment.

Remove Unnecessary Barriers to Access

Streamline approval processes for medical cannabis prescriptions. Reduce excessive administrative requirements placed on doctors and patients. Ensure timely access to prescribed treatments without delays caused by regulatory hurdles.

Support Doctors and Clinical Decision-Making

Respect the authority of qualified medical practitioners to prescribe appropriate treatments. Provide clear, consistent national guidelines to support prescribing decisions. Ensure doctors are not discouraged from prescribing due to fear of regulatory repercussions.

Ensure Affordable and Equitable Access



Work to reduce the cost of medical cannabis for patients. Expand access in regional and rural areas through pharmacies, telehealth, and local providers. Ensure no patient is disadvantaged due to geography or income.

National Consistency and Common Sense Regulation

Harmonise laws across States and Territories to remove confusion and inconsistency. Ensure regulations are practical, enforceable, and focused on patient safety—not restriction. Remove outdated or duplicative rules that serve no clinical purpose.

Distinguish Medical Use from Criminal Activity

Clearly separate lawful medical cannabis use from illegal drug activity in legislation and enforcement. Focus law enforcement resources on illicit drug markets, not patients. Ensure patients are not unfairly targeted or penalised under general drug laws.

Evidence-Based Policy and Research

Support ongoing research into the medical benefits, risks, and applications of cannabis. Use evidence to guide policy development and clinical guidelines. Encourage Australian-based research and production to improve knowledge and supply.

Support Domestic Production and Supply

Encourage Australian-grown and manufactured medical cannabis to ensure quality and reliability. Reduce reliance on imports and strengthen local industry. Ensure strict quality standards are maintained for all products.