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I just wish to contribute my feelings as a consumer, mother & Australian citizen to the wish to amend 1.4.4

I totally agree that marijuana or cannabis is a dangerous drug. I am not a cannabis smoker nor have I ever been. I do however have grave concerns about the mis conception that hemp and cannabis are one in the same.

The beneficial properties of hemp products for both health, environmental & economic aspects of our country are undeniable.

There are far more dangerous food substances & ingredients currently available & with little regulation like GM foods, caffeine and aspartame.

To grow low THC hemp for food production, clothing & textiles is a far more economical farming practice than to grow high THC illegal cannabis.

There are measures in place for the regulation & standards in order for food to be classified organic.....I can not understand why similar measures & tests can not be carried out to ensure farmed hemp achieves low THC rates suitable for human consumption.

Australia actually has a fantastic opportunity here to increase our export market & become a world leader in highly nutritious & beneficial hemp food products.

Our food safety standards are some of the highest in the world & to be able to include such a versatile product such as hemp, would greatly increase our international success in such an industry.

By opening up the consumable hemp market, we promote & invigorate the hemp textile & building material market.

I am thoroughly in support of low THC hemp being allowed for food consumption and hope that the fear mongering of some is not mistaken for the clear facts about the super food that is Hemp.

Thanks
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