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SUBMISSION "THE GREED FACTOR" - Human nature at its worse.

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#### THE GREED FACTOR

I appreciate that the occurrence of psychiatric and mental problems often results from natural circumstances - but we also know that marijuana has been the catalyst for many people beginning the onset as mentally disturbed people - and we know many in this situation have suicided or been killed in accidents or have been responsible for other persons death.

Australia needs a "shock" - a good wake up call.

There are hundreds of thousands of parents suffering the same as the poor people on 60 minutes have suffered - by not getting appropriate 'assistance' from government departments, particularly when trying to reframe their children from taking marijuana and going off the rails.

There are hundreds of thousands of people in Australia and they all ask the same question!

"Why have the authorities not wanted to "help parents" help their children, as they are helped in many other countries like Singapore for example?"

Why have Australian government departments been different and so unhelpful?

The answer is clear to any person who will sincerely face up to the answer (instead of just going about their business).

The money involved in the professional treatment and government departmental jobs, judiciaries, unions and political advantage is the reason there is no effective help for parents and victims of drug use.

Shameless as it is, it is human nature for these professional and government people not to want to change anything.

The billion dollar system is too good for them - it is their livelihood and they do not care about those who are suffering. Even prominent professionals and academics in WA over the last decade, have been strong and influential supporters of marijuana as a passive recreational drug (not as many deaths as caused by alcohol abuse, has been their argument).

We don't need death penalties to stop the use of marijuana. We need an "honest public discussion" about the billion dollar industries and those who benefit financially from it - those who don't want to change the industries.

When disturbed victims are released from institutions, the authorities know they will be back - and so their gravy train continues on. Singapore does not have the greed or the indecency or the inhumanity to tolerate these terrible circumstances.

Nor have they tolerated the disgraceful treatment we have dealt to our Indigenous people for 40 years - and the way we disregard our 'poor white trash'.

Noel Pearson has just acknowledged that our disadvantage people in the white community have been exploited as well as his own people. Noel is not greedy or a fool, unlike the vested greedy interests who deny the situation I have outlined above - and who are the main cause of the misery of many sufferers, as in 60 minutes 05/06/2005.

Regards

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PS. 1) Similar types of self interest systems are responsible for the alcohol and smoking problems in our society. There is so much money at stake - from the processing/manufacturing, to the advertising and retail industries. It is about time we 'discuss' and start looking at the 'vested interests' in these industries, those who do not care.

2) The result of exposing these people through community discussion will in itself make most people wiser and less inclined to be deceived into marijuana use etc.

3) More efficient management in the organisations will result in more help for families - and a massive reduction in the use of illicit substances and therefore a reduction in the need and cost of operating the organisations.