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Dear Mr Wise

LEGALISED MEDICINAL CANNABIS

At the meeting of the Northern Midlands Council on Monday, 21 July 2014 it was carried unanimously that the Northern Midlands Council would support the trials of medicinal cannabis in Tasmania by making a submission to the Legislative Council.

This submission relates to the fifth Inquiry Term of Reference: *the potential impact on agricultural or other sectors within Tasmania*.

The Northern Midlands Council supports the growth of medicinal cannabis in Tasmania, in a bid to drive economic growth within the state, and in particular, the Northern Midlands region.

The growth of medicinal cannabis in the Northern Midlands is seen as allowing a value-adding crop for farmers who have already proven that other medicinal crops, such as poppies can be grown both successfully and safely within this region.

The Northern Midlands Council considers the support and encouragement of new industries, such as the growth of medicinal cannabis, to be crucial. This is particularly the case in Tasmania, where the loss of major industries such as forestry and mining has had such a detrimental impact on Tasmanian people and the economy.

Yours sincerely



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