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Thanks John. Really appreciate this.

With best wishes

Peter

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Peter

I can confirm that the delegate has copies of, and has reviewed all this information

I have also met face to face with Brian Walker MP

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Dear Ben

Thanks for coming back to me on this.

I assume that you have also provided to the Delegate Professor David Nutt's presentation that was given to the TGA in November 2022 as well as the MAPS preliminary announcement earlier this month (which I forwarded to you at the time) of the second Phase 3 results and a detailed breakdown of the public submissions. I know that David would be very happy to speak to the Delegate if the Delegate has any queries or requires any more information. I am sure that Professor Christopoulos would also make himself available.

Without access to these therapies people suffer and the risk is that some of these people will take their own lives.

The MAPS announcement is again attached for your information - - [Prior Positive Results Confirmed in MAPS-Sponsored, Philanthropy-Funded Phase 3 Trial - Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies - MAPS](#)

I would also be very disappointed if our own response – dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - to the interim decision was not provided to the Delegate.

It seems to me that the role of the TGA and the Department of Health is to focus first and foremost on needs of patients within the regulatory framework provided. I am therefore attaching two short videos of people who have experienced the suicide of a loved one with treatment resistant PTSD and/or depression. The current system completely failed these people. Why treatment resistant at-risk patients are being denied a workable regulatory pathway to these therapies in the very conservative manner that we have proposed is completely beyond me.

The two short videos can be found here;

Vanessa Bortolin - short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDSI2SOTQ2w>

Brian Walker MP – 2 min video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46G3tsRAhSs>

Thank you again for communicating with me.

Yours sincerely

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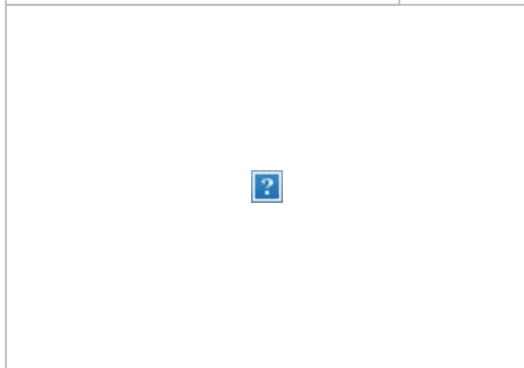
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Hi Peter,

The Delegate has all the information they need to make an informed decision, including but not limited to your application, additional information you've provided, independent report, advice from the Advisory Committee on Medicine Scheduling, and other expert advice, research and information.

The scheduling decision will be published on 8 February.

Thanks

Ben.

**Ben Noyen**  
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Hi Ben

Happy new year.

Could you please give me an update on the rescheduling decision and whether the Delegate is agreeable to a presentation and Q and A session with experts in the field. There are too many people unnecessarily suffering for this not to take place.

Best

Peter

Peter Hunt AM

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