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To the Department of Health – Therapeutic Goods Administration

Please find this letter as an indication of the Tasmanian Hemp Association's (THA) formal and full support of the proposed amendment to the Poisons Standard which would make access to non-psychoactive hemp extracts (i.e. CBD, other non-psychoactive cannabinoids and terpenes) easier for the Australian public.

The THA is the peak industry body representing licensed hemp growers in the state which currently produces around 80% of all hemp seed for food in Australia. We believe that these proposed amendments are an important first step in the right direction to create a truly sustainable hemp industry in Australia that can compete against cheap imports, as a value add to our farmers and a benefit to those requiring access to these extracts for health reasons.

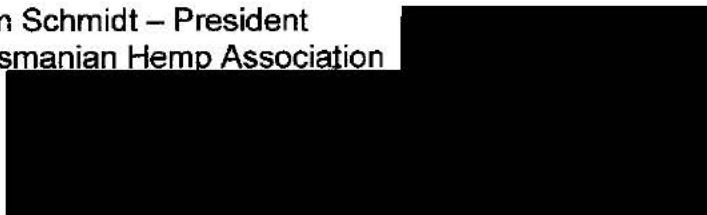
The THA was formed over a decade ago to support the sustainable growth, education and facilitation of the hemp industry in Tasmania for growers and suppliers. We believe that any national or state amendments that allows for access to non-psychoactive hemp extracts will result in positive outcome of multiple sectors of the community, specifically our farmers and for job creation. We support these changes as we believe they will improve consumer access, as well as for medical and industrial purposes.

Our association sees these proposed amendments as a positive step towards the eventual outdoor commercial production of hemp extracts by industrial hemp farmers, an economic advantage enjoyed by many of Australia's major trading partners and competitors. We also envisage and are working towards playing a role in creating a future where industrial hemp farmers can supply licensed manufacturers, in much the same way as the Tasmanian Poppy Industry model.

We eagerly look forward to hearing the results of this consultation, so we can share the news with our growing number of supporters and members.

Sincerely,

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