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Application A1039 - Low THC Hemp as a Food

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It is ridiculous that low THC Industrial Hemp is not permitted to be grown in Tasmania and Australia except under the most stringent conditions and not be available for growing and sale as a food.

Poppies (which produces one of the most dangerous drugs in the world, opium) are grown alongside every major highway in Tasmania with nothing but a 300mm x 150mm sign strung on a rusty wire fence between them and the public, yet the legislation for growing industrial hemp (essentially a non-drug) precludes it from being grown under the same conditions or as widely.

I find it extraordinary that such a wonderfully beneficial crop isn't allowed to be widely grown in rotation by farmers for the many products it can be used for and in, especially when our country is in such need of new and innovative industries and creating sustainable and profitable employment.

Please allow the widespread growing of low THC Industrial Hemp for food and remove the archaic laws which have stifled its beneficial uses. I am sure others will give you the many health and economic positives in detail.

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