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To whom it may concern

**Proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard – Medicinal Cannabis**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard.

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) has previously indicated support for the research into medicinal cannabis and to ensuring that medicinal cannabis is available to people with a life-limiting illness where it is shown to improve symptom management. For this reason, we support the changes to the scheduling of medicinal cannabis to complement the other activities of the Government to make this product available for medicinal purposes where it is demonstrated to have benefit, while keeping in place appropriate controls.

With regard to the options for additional controls proposed by the TGA, PCA supports restriction of access to authorised medical prescribers, and for the purposes of clinical trials.

Should you want to discuss this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 6232 4433 or via email [liz@palliativecare.org.au](mailto:liz@palliativecare.org.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Callaghan".

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