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# **\$1bn Australian medical** cannabis market poised for 5x growth by 2028.

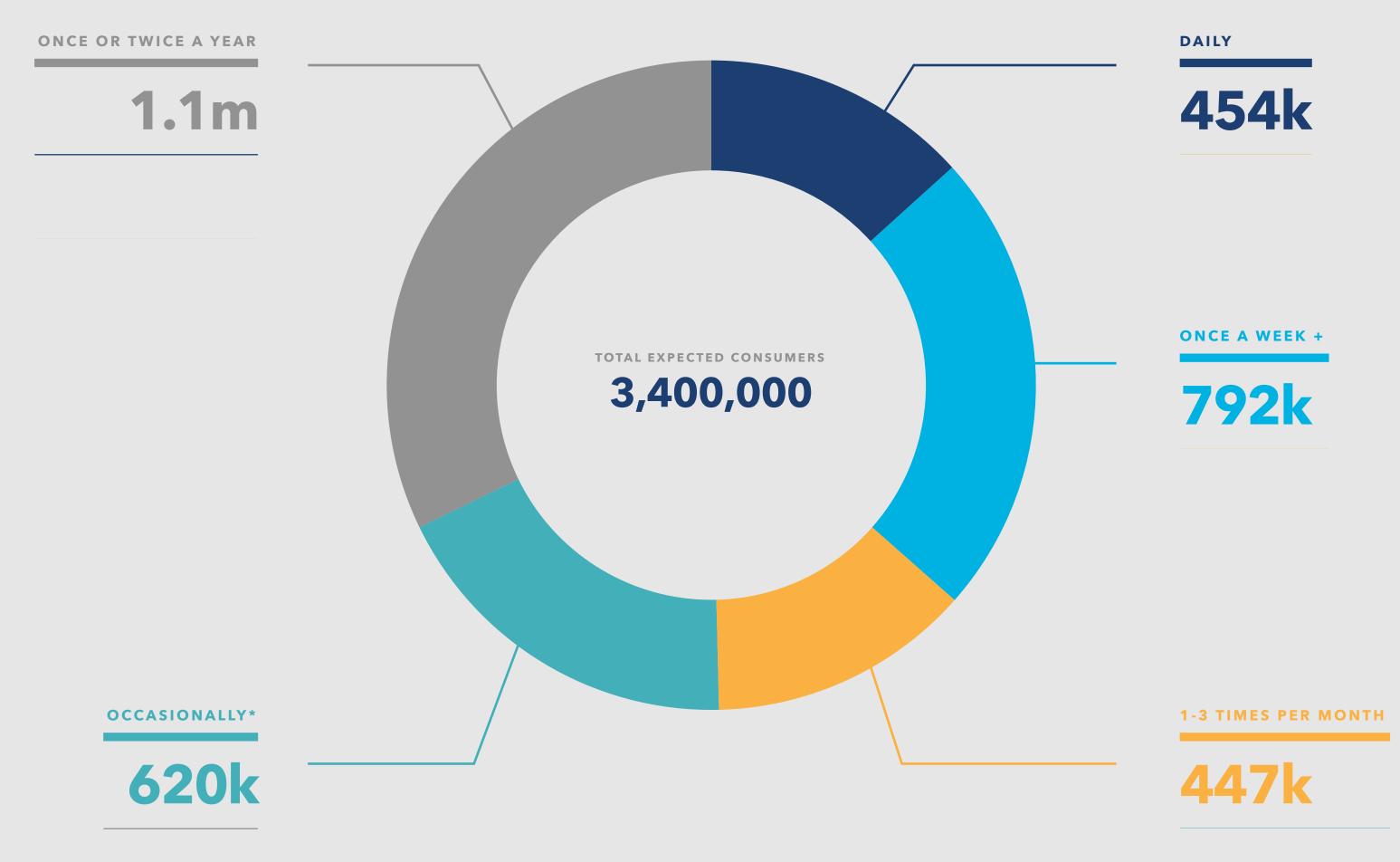


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MARKET GROWTH

# Expected cannabis usage following legalisation

Based on Australian census data and frequency of use reported in the National Drug Strategy Household Survey. Data adjusted for estimation rates of under-reporting and for an expected 15% growth in demand post legislation.





Australia's Parliamentary Budget Office estimates a legalised market would deliver a **\$28 billion** windfall for the public purse in the first decade.





Gen Pop 'very likely' 17%



# Who are the cannabis patients and what do they want?



# Australian illegal and medical cannabis U&A study:

### Aim:

To gain a deeper understanding of:

- Awareness
- Knowledge
- Illegal use
- Prescription use
- Attitude
- Frequency
- Quantity
- Format
- Conditions & effects
- Needs & desires

### 2 x Australian panels:

Patient panel - n= 3428 individuals with an existing medical cannabis prescription.

General population panel n=1010 (included 2.57% of general population with medical cannabis prescription)

### Methodology:

High engagement survey -8-15mins, 25+ questions.

Representation: 18 - 75 age **Regional and Metro** All demographics

### Illegal use vs. medical use:

An emphasis was placed on attempting to understand the differences between medical prescription usage vs. black market usage. ie If Australian illegal cannabis users intend to convert to a legal and more controlled prescription.

# Australia's biggest cannabis Usage & Attitude study

Cymra commissioned an independent research agency, Hoop Group to conduct a national representative study of Australians 18-75 and a deep dive into the attitudes and behaviours of the current active market place.





# Australian 'all cannabis use' snapshot - March 2024

**PRESCRIPTION PATIENTS** 

Current patients only represents 11% Of those claiming to be investigation a prescription in 2024. 2.57% 489k \$1.7bn 69% YOY

TOTAL AUSTRALIAN ADULT POPULATION 19,024,281 (AGE 18-75)

**CANNABIS REJECTORS** 

51%

**9.3**m



### CURRENT ILLEGAL USE

17%

3.1m people

(\$11.3bn)

'Very likely' to seek a prescription

Each month

c17,000 \$62m

New patients from illegal use

### PAST / LAPSED ILLEGAL USE

29%

# 5.6m people

'Quite likely' to seek a prescription

## Illegal cannabis usage

### What best describes your illegal cannabis usage and monthly spend?



### **Prescriptions for the wealthier?**

The No 1 reason for not having a prescription is

Financial Cost - 64%

Prescribing patients have a

**10% higher income** than people buying illegally

Source: Hoop group cannabis survey 2024



### **LEGAL ENFORCEMENT:**

**10.7** Tonnes seized



Number, weight and percentage change of national cannabis seizures, 2019-20 and 2020-21, by jurisdiction

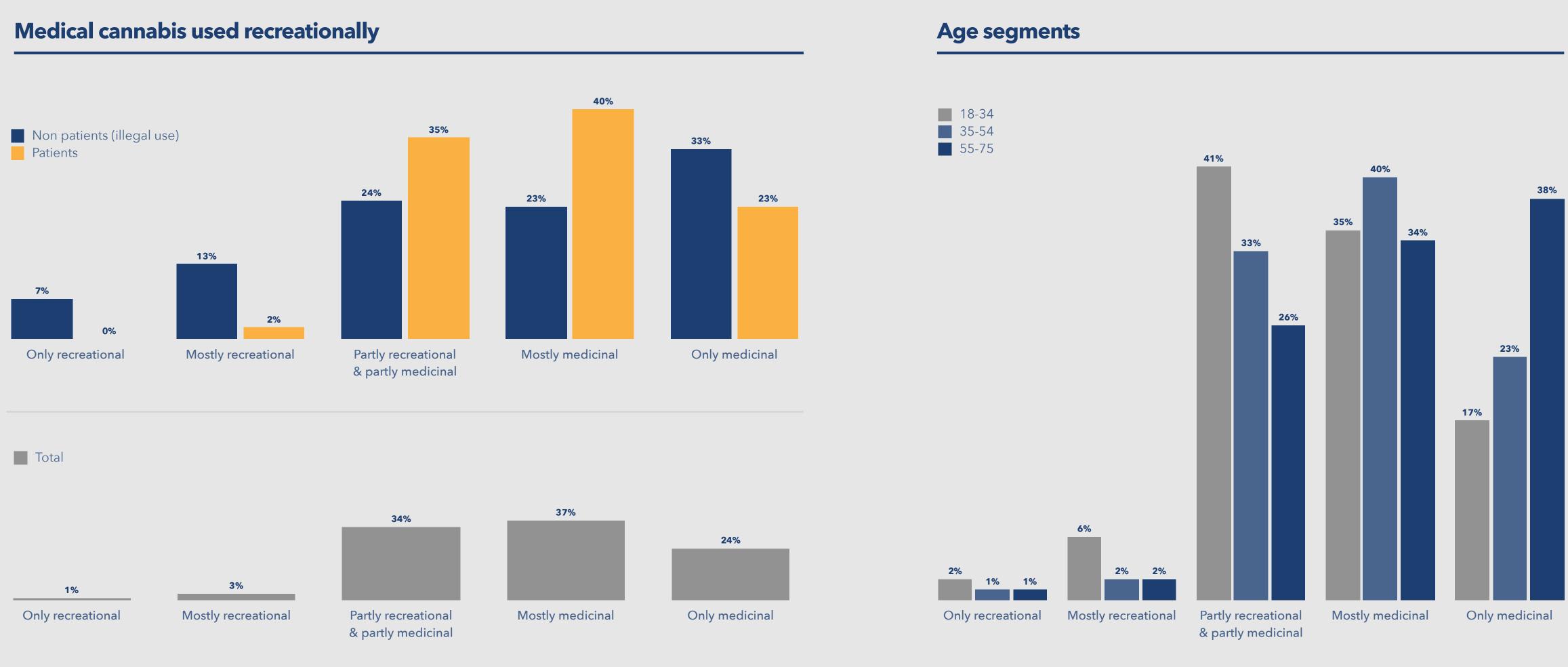
State/Territory	Number			Weight (grams)			
	2019-20	2020-21	% Change	2019-20	2020-21	% Change	
New South Wales	18,814	17,278	-8.2%	4,072,121	2,993,153	-26.5%	
Victoria	4,067	3,681	-9.5%	1,681,821	4,101,061	143.8%	
Queensland	18,689	15,344	-17.9%	2,733,103	1,175,778	-57.0%	
South Australia	278	463	66.5%	871,732	899,800	3.2%	
Western Australia	15,601	13,481	-13.6%	654,936	976,327	49.1%	
Tasmania	2,331	2,811	20.6%	173,543	223,544	28.8%	
Northern Territory	2,036	1,754	-13.9%	90,742	172,472	90.1%	
Australian Capital Territory	638	387	-39.3%	384,689	245,215	-36.3%	
Total	62,454	55,199	-11.6%	10,662,687	10,787,350	1.2%	

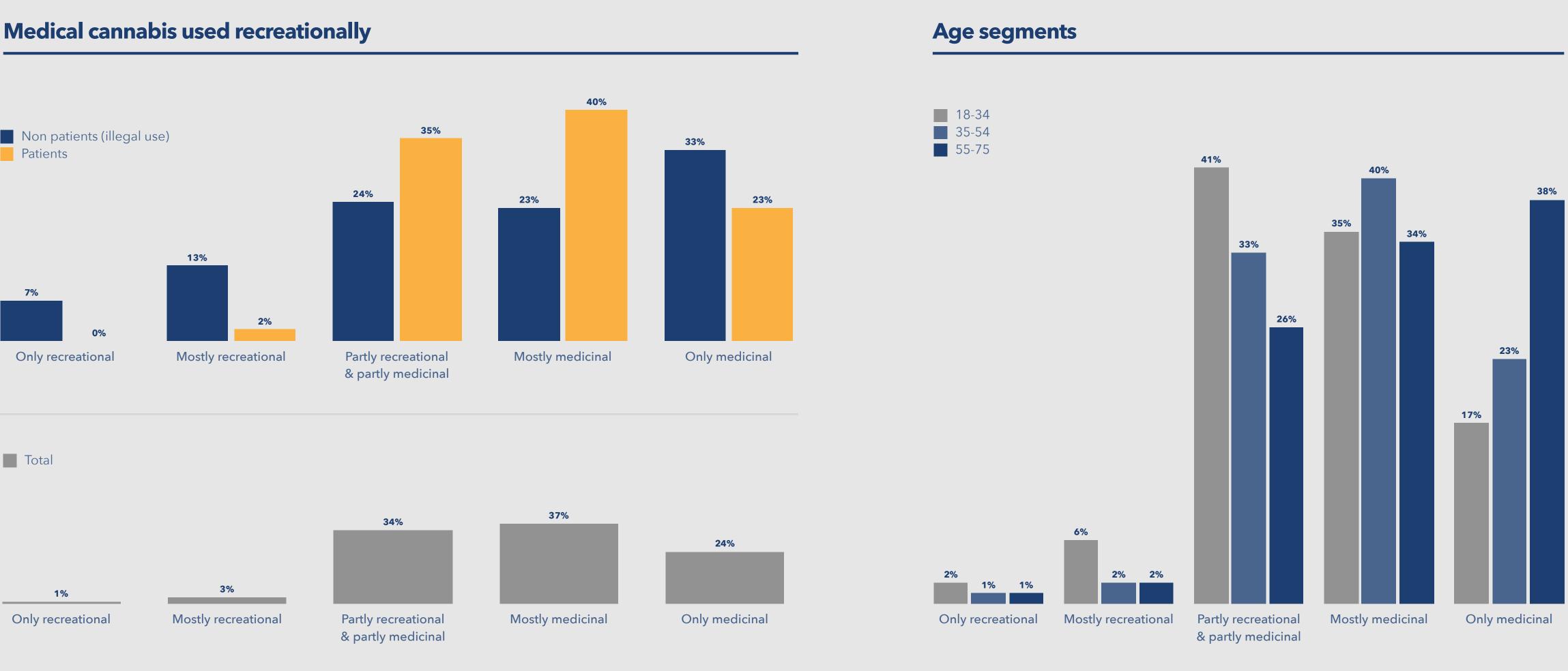
### **PENINGTON INSTITUTE (2024)**

Cannabis remains the most-used and the most-policed substance in Australia. Indicators of cannabis demand and supply in Australia point to a large market that is well supplied.

There were an unprecedented 24,255 border detections of illicit cannabis in 2020-21 (the most recent year of data) - almost double the number from the previous year

Cannabis is prescribed for medical conditions but is also used recreationally for relaxation and socialisation. With your prescription or future prescription how do you view your own usage of medical Cannabis?







## Medical cannabis - benefits

### **QUESTION:**

Do you think that a legally regulated medical Cannabis scheme offers any of these benefits? Please select how much 'you agree or disagree' for each of the statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Top 2 E
Improved quality cannabis product	4%	5%	27%	45%	20%	65%
Easier access to cannabis products	5%	8%	26%	41%	19%	61%
Tax revenue from cannabis sales	4%	6%	32%	39%	20%	58%
Decriminalisation/fewer arrests	5%	10%	30%	36%	19%	55%
Lower prices for cannabis product	5%	11%	37%	34%	13%	47%
Reduced alcohol related violence	8%	15%	42%	23%	13%	36%
Reduced alcohol consumption	8%	17%	41%	24%	11%	35%



**BENEFIT:** 

# **Consistency of** products

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**BENEFIT:** 

# **Quality of supply chain** and products

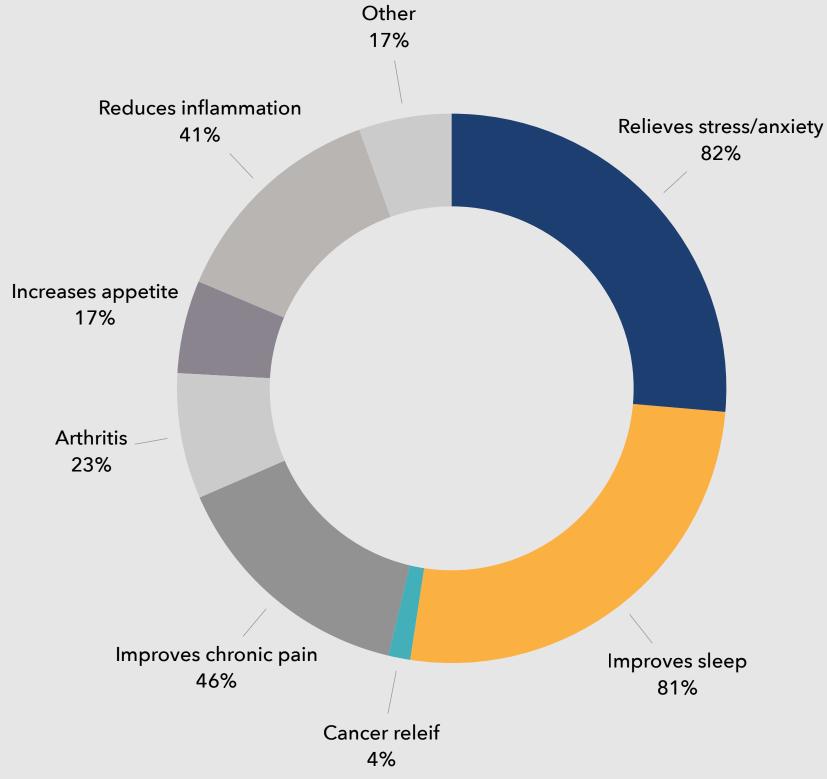
**BENEFIT:** Not having to break the law

# Medical cannabis conditions and formats

### **QUESTION:**

What was the medical purpose for the cannabis prescription/s you have had? Please select as many reasons as appropriate, then select the main reason at the next prompt.

N = 3237 - Panel = 26 Client = 3211





### **QUESTION:**

Medical Cannabis comes in many different formats - which ones do you/ would you find appealing? Please select how much 'appeal' each format has to you.

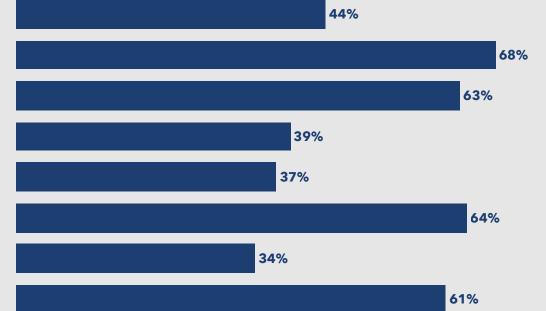
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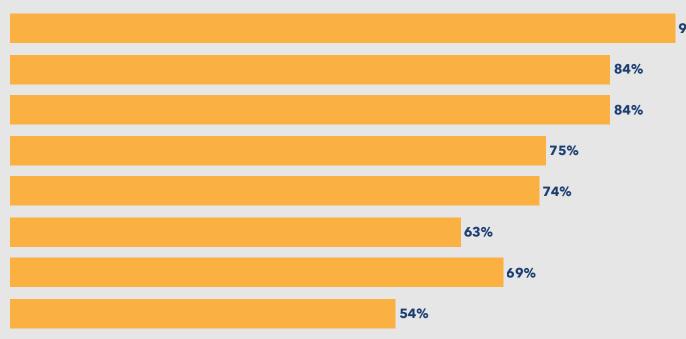
### **GENERAL POPULATION**

Flower/Buds - Inhaled via a joint/vapouriser Gummies - Eaten Oils - drops on the tounge Rosin - Inhaled via a joint or vapouriser Vape cartridge - Iinhaled via a vape pen Capsules - Swallowed like a normal pill Dab - Strong extract inhaled via a pipe or vape Topical cream - Rubbed onto the skin

### PATIENTS

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93%

# Medical cannabis - challenges

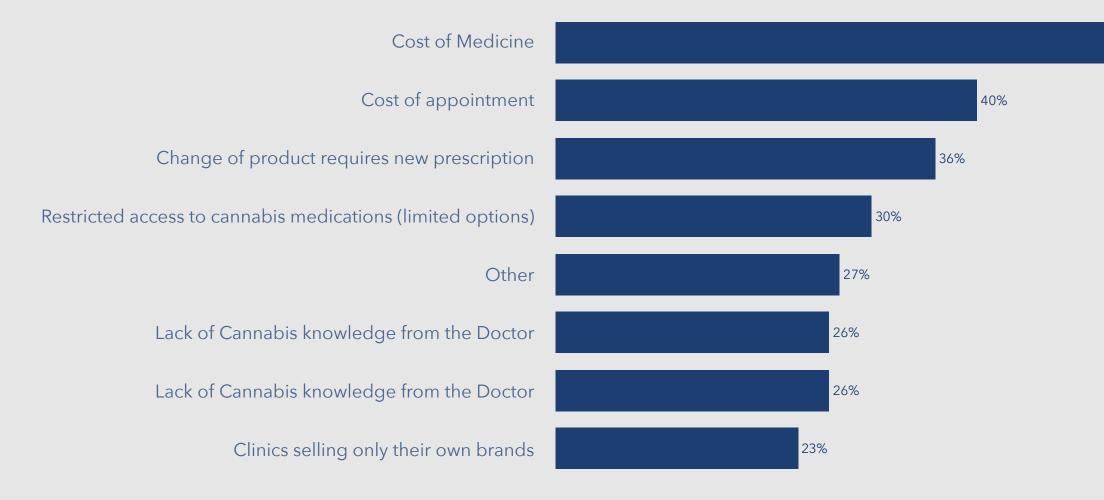
Challenges

# **Clinic control**

Clinics only selling their own brands

### **QUESTION:**

Please tell us why you were unsatisfied with the CLINIC experience.



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# Challenges



Challenges

# **Driving laws** Ability to drive if unimpaired

Per year

53%

### **QUESTION:**

Currently, those people with pharmaceutical prescriptions (opiates, valium, benzodiazepines) are able to drive if they remain unimpaired. Are you in favour of those using medical Cannabis being offered the same rights?

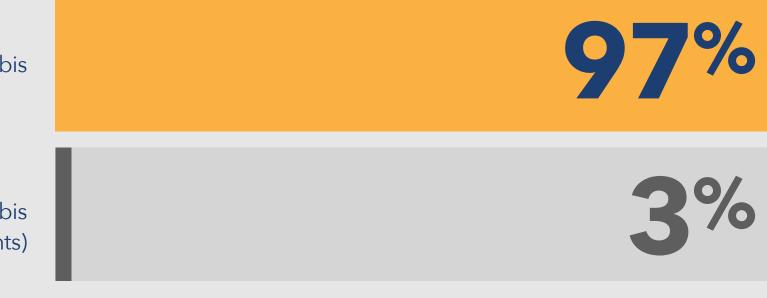
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### For

(those being prescribed Cannabis should have the same rights)

### Against

(those being prescribed Cannabis should NOT have the same rights)



MARKET ANALYSIS

# Why does Australia do this to itself?



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## Made in Australia Policy?

# What are we giving up?

# 42 tonnes = ~\$200m

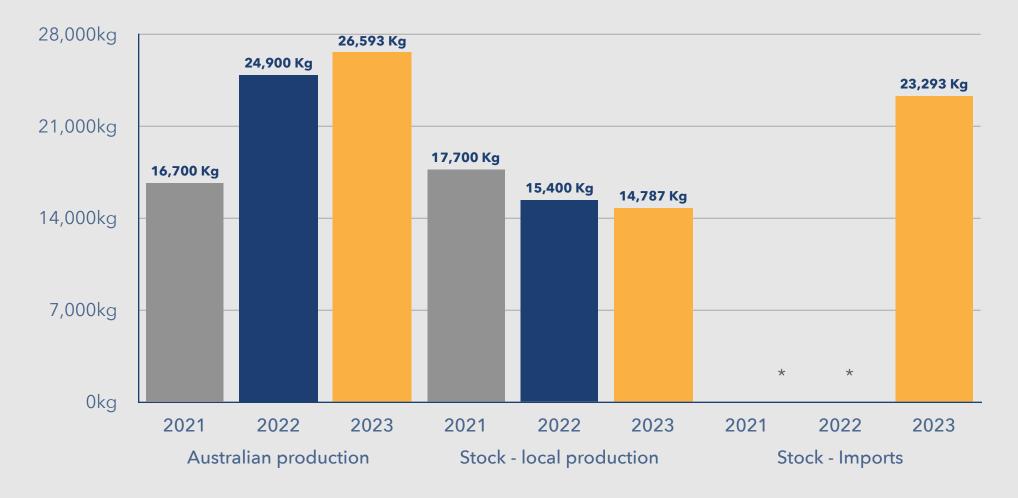
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### Medical cannabis trade in Australia

### **Australian Supply**

### Supply of cannabis for medical or scientific purposes in Australia

Kg of cannabis flower produced, Kg of cannabis flower held in stock at year end



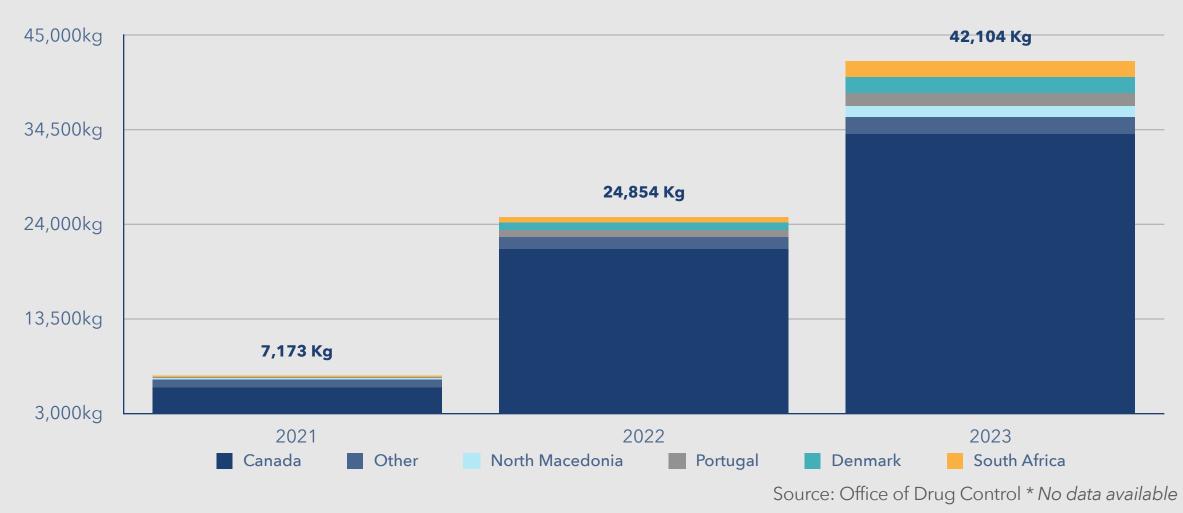




### **Import by Source**

### Imports of cannabis for medical or scientific purposes to Australia

### Kg of cannabis flower





### International and Imports

### **TOP CHALLENGES FOR DOMESTIC CULTIVATORS**

### **Unlimited imports**

**Can't export to markets that import** 

Illegal cannabis sales

**Over regulation when compared to imports** 

**Clinic control, not patient** 

**Power prices** 

### **TOP 5 IMPORTING COUNTRIES TO AUSTRALIA** (CANNABIS)







**These countries import to** Australia but we are not allowed to export back to them



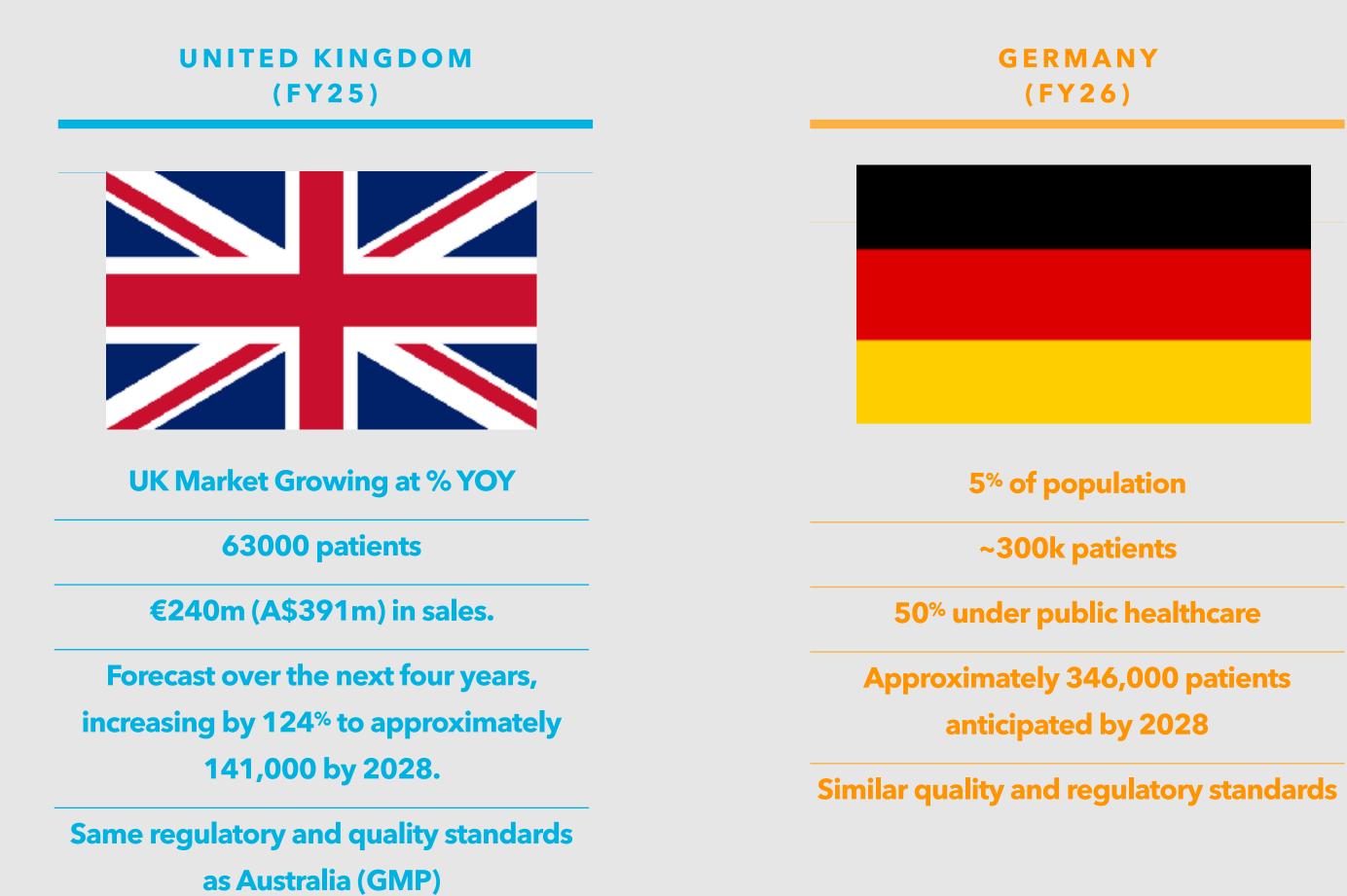
### **COUNTRIES WITH MEDICAL CANNABIS**

**Countries that allow the medical use of whole**plant cannabis include Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, **Portugal, Spain, UK, and Uruguay** 

### **COUNTRIES WITH ADULT USE/DECRIM**

### Thailand, USA, Canada, Germany

## International Markets for export





### EUROPE (FY26 AND BEYOND)



**Poland** 

France

**Czech Republic** 

All growing markets

Same quality standards as Australia

# What is a potential future model for cannabis in NSW?



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# Potential Adult use framework



### **Quality Control**

Still GMP standards apply to products. Control types of products allowed.

### Cultivation

ONLY licensed Australian cannabis companies can supply clones in NSW with a **license** from NSW Health

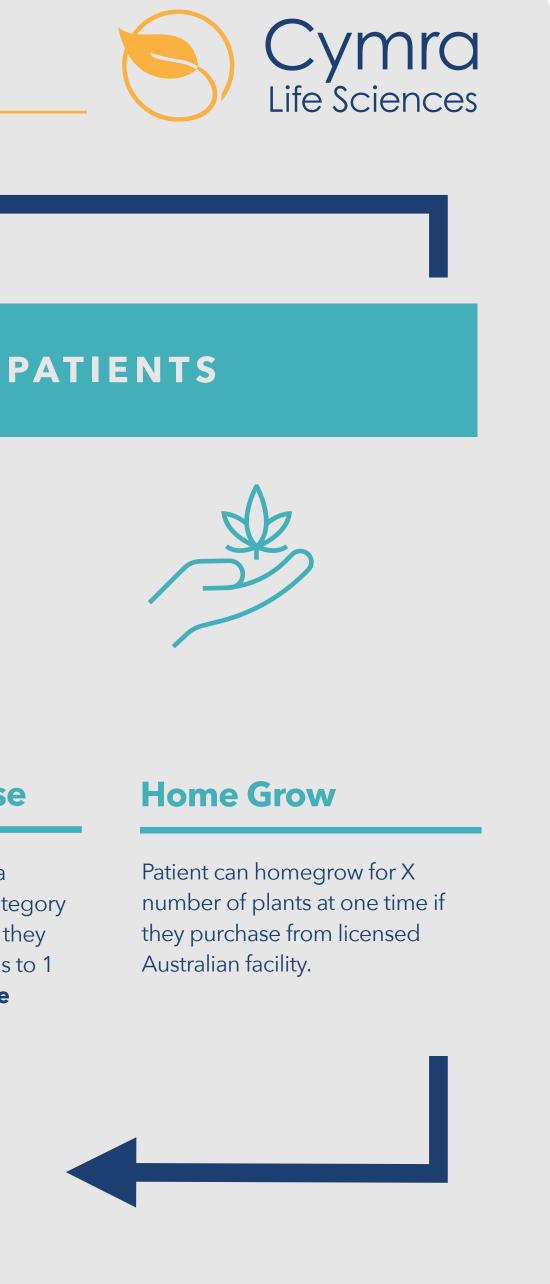
### **NSW Health S8** license

NSW wholesale license conditions



# STATE TAXES





# NSW HEALTH MANAGEMENT

### DISTRIBUTION







### **Non PBS Pharmacy** or direct

Only non PBS pharmacies can dispense in legal dispensaries **NSW HEALTH - PCU License** 

### **Cannabis License**

Doctor gives the patient a prescription for a TGA Category and sets period for when they should return I.e 6 months to 1 year. NSW Health license issued

JOB CREATION

# Future NSW Opportunities

### **SOLAR POWER**



**Reduce power** bill significantly

Support growers with solar infrastructure

Build solar microgrid to power the site

### **CLINICAL TRIAL**



### **Grant for major** clinical trial in NSW

NSW led Phase III clinical trial in NSW

\$8m full budget

Co-fund



### **DRIVING LAWS**



### **Remove RBT driving laws** for unimpaired

Make it the same as other pharmaceutical drugs REGULATIONS



### **Streamline regulations in NSW** for pharmacies/distribution

NSW Health paper based system vs other states

Ability to change medications with same range/format