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## **Bad Laws Are Worse Than Bad Drugs:**

**Cannabis law reform groups nationwide including HEMP (Help End Marijuana Prohibition) and NORML (National Organisation For the Reform Of Marijuana Laws) will be involved in a National Day of Action on Saturday, March 18th.**

**About 15,000 people across Australia will be rallying, marching and smoking, calling for an end to the prohibition of cannabis.**

**In Adelaide, about 1000 people are expected to gather at Parliament House at 12.30pm where they will be entertained, educated and empowered by speakers from HEMP, NORML and the Students Association of Flinders University.**

**"Prohibition of cannabis has failed. Now is the time to realise the full economic, environmental and medicinal potential of this plant" said Jamnes Danenberg, spokesperson for HEMP SA.**

**"The real crime is the government's continued refusal to accept the recommendations of the last twelve major reports in Australia that have recommended cannabis law reform." he added.**

**"At long last hemp has been recognised as a new primary industry for Australia, benefiting the environment, the economy and the farmers. Now the government must realise that the medical and personal uses of hemp must be permitted" Jamnes stated.**

**"Prohibition doesn't work, has created a multi-billion dollar black market supporting organised crime and does more harm to the individual cannabis user and society as a whole than the drug itself. The \$1.7 Billion it costs to enforce prohibition is money denied for health, education and welfare" he said.**

**The Hemp Campaign will be continuing to highlight the public anger over a policy that criminalises our young and not so young for using a drug that is medically recognised as less harmful than alcohol or tobacco.**

**Release Ends.**

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