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## **HEMP POLICY BACKED BY LEADING ECONOMISTS**

**Respected private sector analysts Access Economics have come out and backed HEMPs position on regulating Cannabis in a special report released today. Access Economics found Australians spend about \$7 billion dollars a year on illicit drugs, with Cannabis accounting for 70% or approximately \$5 Billion dollars!**

**Access’s report supports HEMPs’ position that the government could gut the black market by legalising Cannabis and regulating and taxing Cannabis sales.**

**"As long as Cannabis is criminal, our community and our children will continue to be exposed to the worst aspects of the Cannabis trade; high prices, rip-offs, violence and official corruption", said Mr Jamnes Danenberg, Upper House HEMP – Legalise Marijuana Candidate, and “Independent Most Likely to Win” the last quota in Saturday’s SA State Election.**

**“ By legally permitting home-growing and regulating sales through a network of Cannabis Kafes, the government could redirect that \$5 billion dollars away from organised crime and into creating jobs or on health, education and welfare spending” Mr Danenberg said.**

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