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**Subject:** Hemp seed legalisation for human consumption

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Hi to whoever gets this email

I feel the need to stand up and be counted on this issue. I think its time that we distinguished between pot and hemp and allowed this amazing food source (and potentially important food crop in Australia) to be grown and sold in Australia. I would love to be able to buy these seeds because apart from their amazing health benefits, as a vegan they are another source of non dairy milk for those of us unable to drink milk. Hemp seed is now a mainstream product in the USA and would be the same here if we allowed it to be grown and sold. Please dont associate it with dope! I have not and will not EVER smoke dope and dont want anything to do with it. I am a health concious person who wants to be as healthy as possible and this product is an amazing source of vitamins, minerals and essential fatty acids. Think of all of the subsequent industries that could integrate this product into their manufacture and as 'Omega 3 and 6' are the latest health buzzwords, this product contains both of them as well as omega 9 which I havent even heard of (its that new!).

Please allow this product to be grown and harvested and sold in Australia. We need industries like this to help us diversify our grain dependence on wheat and to give us alternative crops and consumers a choice in what we are able to buy. Chia seed was something 'weird' a few years ago and is now incorporated into many of our mainstream foods and recognised as a very valuable ingredient in bread mix and other mainstream foods.

Thankyou for reading my email and for your consideration regarding this matter

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