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I have been a GP in Bendigo for more than 30 years. In addition to my general practice work, I have also provided care for people with HIV and hepatitis. I also provide an opiate substitution program for addicted people.

It has become obvious to me in my 30 years that current policy criminalises what is really a medical condition. This leads to increased harm physically, mentally, legally and financially. It is time to develop a new approach to helping those with drug problems. I encourage you to look at the experience of Portugal and other places that have decriminalized drug use and focused on treatment of those with problems.

I am happy to be contacted for further information if that would be helpful

Regina Clark

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