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From: Jeremy Press <wordpress@wp.greens.org.au>
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To: LRRCS
Subject: The war on drugs is a loser

RE: INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM

The war on drugs is a loser

Was it really Einstein who said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result?

Probably not. It was probably a politician who said that being tough on crime tough on crime tough on crime was the way to end it. Didn't believe it — just said it because there was a vote in it.

And more and more prisons.

Why does this go on? Is there no politician in government who has the courage to tell the truth about drugs? Who can stand up and say that where there is harm it should be treated, that where there is risk it should be mitigated, that where there is hypocrisy it should be called out.

Who can stop punishing addicts and rewarding pushers?

Damn it. Build the injecting rooms. Make safe drugs available legally. Trust the electorate to understand that we're all in this human stew together and some of us do it better than others.

Courage, people. Courage. And find a way.

Thank you,

-- Jeremy Press



I'm happy for my submission and details to be made public.