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SANDRA SHOWS HOW “DOPEY” SHE REALLY IS

Independent MLC Ann Bressington today slammed Democrats MLC Sandra Kanck’s proposal to legalise the use of crude cannabis for medicinal purposes, saying it was “grossly irresponsible” and not supported by any reliable scientific research.

“Ms Kanck is infamous for her bizarre drug policies and this is no exception. Just how dopey can she get?” Ms Bressington said.

“Her proposal is in direct contrast to the consensus of reputable bodies such as the Australian Medical Association and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia that cannabis in its crude form has been shown to be either ineffective or counterproductive, as well as induce dangerous side-effects.

“If any benefit is to be derived from cannabis it will be in the form of extracted or synthesised cannabinoids (active compounds found in cannabis) and not in the form you would buy on the street corner.

“Ms Kanck should leave **** to scientific experts. It is dangerous ground for politicians to tread,” Ms Bressington said.

“We must be very careful not to unnecessarily expose people to what has been proven to be a dangerous drug”.

Ms Bressington said she was concerned that Ms Kanck had a hidden agenda and was proposing “legalisation by stealth”, and that if crude cannabis was made available for prescription it would be a front for illegitimate use, as had been shown overseas.

“If extracted or synthesised cannabinoids are ever to be made available, it will be in the form of a capsule or nasal spray rather than crude cannabis that contains over 400 other compounds.”