

Media Release

Medicinal Cannabis: Framework B4 Legalisation

Building an industry we can all be proud of.

"I'm delighted to witness this week's media coverage of anomalies in the regulation of medicinal cannabis in this country," said Tom Varga, CEO of Biortica Agrimed, Australia's largest B2B grower of medicinal cannabis.

"I'd personally like to thank the ABC for its' story early this week about medicinal cannabis importers needing to be held to the same quality standards as domestic producers."

"I'd also like to thank Professor Steve Robinson, President of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) for his comments in Cannabiz News yesterday, when he was quoted as having stated that 'alternative medications may be more effective or suitable for patients'. He has exactly the correct patient-first focus, in my opinion," Varga went on to say.

"As an industry we need to realise – that *we are building an industry* here – so let's build one we can all be proud of," he said.

"It's all about Trust. Trust from patients and Trust from medical professionals."

"Trust comes from continuously meeting or even exceeding standards ... standards of efficacy, standards of quality, standards of safety, and most importantly standards of patient care."

"Overseas experience has proven that legalisation before an effective regulatory framework has been put in place just doesn't work," he said.

"Biortica welcomes the opportunity to work with legislators, and regulators, and the AMA to put in place the regulatory framework which puts patient care and protection to the forefront," said Tom.

Biortica Agrimed Ltd

Award winning, Biortica Agrimed Ltd is Australia's largest fully vertically integrated commercial grower of medicinal plants. Our B2B operations are seamlessly integrated from plant genetics through to supply of medicinal plants in commercial quantities. We employ glasshouse-based horticulture, to both, protect our valuable medicinal crops, and equally to minimise our environmental impact, thereby protecting the planet. Our goal is to significantly improve human health outcomes by supplying high quality agricultural medicinal plants, at scale, to uniform high quality standards year-round.

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