



**Naturopaths &  
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**Position Statement: Medicinal use of CANNABIS**

Although *Cannabis sativa* has been researched and found to provide symptomatic relief for some medical conditions, until the Naturopaths & Medical Herbalists of NZ (Inc) (NMHNZ) are regulated by the government, and practitioners are trained in and legally able to prescribe access to some scheduled herbs, use of plants such as *Cannabis sativa* is illegal.

NMHNZ accepts the results of the national referendum in 2020 whereby the voting representative majority of New Zealanders voted against legalisation of *Cannabis sativa*.

Naturopaths and medical herbalists in New Zealand are not legislated to provide informed treatment nor do they receive adequate education in the medicinal use of *Cannabis sativa*.

NMHNZ does not condone illegal growing, compounding or dispensing, or referral for cannabis products. Members of NMHNZ are required to comply with the organisation's Code of Conduct which states:

*“Registered Naturopaths shall:*

*make themselves familiar with the Law relating to the practice of medicine in New Zealand and comply with the provisions of Acts of Parliament and by-laws that concern the professional conduct of their practice, including the Scope of Practice, this Code of Conduct, the Constitution and Rules of NMHNZ (Inc.) and Competencies and Education Standards”.*

NMHNZ takes the governance of the organisation and its responsibilities seriously. There is a formal complaints and disciplinary process in place.

Members of the public who believe that the organisation's Code of Conduct or the NZ law has been breached by members of NMHNZ can make a formal complaint to:

NMHNZ Board Chair: [chair@naturopath.org.nz](mailto:chair@naturopath.org.nz)

Please refer to the NMHNZ Code of Conduct. Anonymous complaints are not accepted.