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Good Day to you. In 1992 The Australian Greens were formed and are now commonly just called, 'the Greens'. Theirs' is an interesting political history and set of goals with their four main pillars of..... ecological sustainability, social justice, grass-roots democracy and peace through non-violence. These are worthy ideals and as one who recognises the absolute importance of the environment and animal rights, I was delighted with their arrival into Australian politics. I voted for them a couple of times and partly because I believed it would send a message to the major parties who had lost their way and that's still the case. The Greens' entourage includes the perpetually unhappy Sarah Hanson-Young and in fact it appears to me that this unpleasant woman has grafted her unfortunate philosophical DNA onto the Greens at great cost to them. It is also the case that the now defunct Democrats founded by Don Chipp has been opportunistically instrumental in establishing the Green's political agenda. One thing is for sure, the rough mantra from Don Chipp.... *"to keep the bastards honest"* resonated then and still does today. The Greens' leaders have been a mixed lot from Bob Brown and his unique lifestyle to Christine Milne and now Richard Di Natale and his **'smoking gun'** which is what I've called this narrative.

Now at least in the view of this commentator, Di Natale is not the sharpest knife in the drawer. Apart from a list of facts to support that, I just don't like the man or the 'cut of his jib' and I trust my own intuition. Remember that....by their fruits they will be judged and in Di Natale's case he wants to legalise the smoking of Marihuana. He says it should be sold to those over 18 who want it on the basis it will drive away the illegal trade of this filthy mind-destroying weed. He cites examples overseas where he says the results have been very positive but he fails to reveal the real statistics which aid the long term corrosion and disintegration of society. Di Natale says the war on drugs is a really *"a war on people"* and this is part of the reason I don't believe he is very intelligent. It appears he is just attention seeking and must know that cannabis smoking is an entree to harder drugs because weak and vulnerable people in a Godless society need drugs to feel good about themselves and then the tax-payer picks up the health costs. Smoking in general is very bad and kills, so why on earth would anyone want another product to inhale into living lung tissue and as Health Minister Greg Hunt rightly points out, marihuana is a "gateway drug" and is that what we want for our children and grand-children. I don't. If there are any beneficial medical effects of the chemicals in cannabis, then based on science alone it's a matter for consideration but short of that it must not be legalised.

There's consistent evidence showing a relationship over time between repeated cannabis use and an experience of psychosis for the first time. Psychosis is a severe mental disorder in which thought and emotions are so impaired that contact with external reality is lost. The individual loses the ability to distinguish what's real from what's not. Psychotic symptoms can include visual hallucinations, hearing voices, or pervasive delusional thinking. These can often present as a psychotic episode which is a relatively sudden worsening of psychotic symptoms over a short time-frame, frequently resulting in hospitalisation. There are the carcinogenic threats of tobacco plus the proven damage to the brain when people start to use this drug. Marijuana increases the risk of testicular cancer, prostate cancer, cervical cancer, a type of brain tumour, and the risk of leukaemia in the offspring of women who use the weed during pregnancy. However it's the brain damage that cannot be repaired and in the end the public purse pays for the damage. To suggest the legalisation of Cannabis or Marihuana will be beneficial is pure moral and factual nonsense and this is why I think Di Natale has a very low IQ. My deep concern is that while the major political parties try and latch onto any popular idea this wretched proposal may be taken up foolishly by Shorten or Turnbull to garner a handful of votes. It would be executed under the misguided and cruel mantra of other stupid ideas floating around under the banner of political correctness and crude expediency. Put simply the major parties sell us out for a symbolic thirty pieces of silver and in that, they betray the people and the generations to come. So it's clear to me the Greens have quite few dim bulbs in their collective chandelier and should be ostracised along with their **smoking gun**.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley