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BAN OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS

Murray Thompson Member for Sandringham has welcomed new legislation that bans the sale and production of all unauthorized synthetic drugs.

The Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Miscellaneous Amendment Bill 2017 provides tough new penalties to anyone selling these drugs, including up to two years in prison or more than \$37,000 in fines.

Daniel George died in 2014 after smoking a synthetic Cannabinoid. His sister Jenny Wilson has since been campaigning to ban this easily accessible, over the counter, synthetic drug.

"I pay tribute to Ms. Wilson, her mother Cathy George and their family and friends who have fought for law reform to ensure that no other family has to suffer in the same way experienced by their family".

Cathy George had earlier stated "..... with tears in my eyes I pray that by being able to get the message out into schools we stand a chance of saving other parents from the sadness and pain I have endured."

"The family at the beginning had no voice other than a personal resolve to make a difference so that Daniel's death was not in vain," Mr Thompson said.

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