

The following poetry was written by James Arthur Warren AKA Thundercloud in memory of Daniel Walmsley, victim of prohibition.

## The Tawny Frogmouth On Prohibition

The tawny frogmouth came to me very late last night  
It was very early morning and it spoke very quiet  
"I've something important to say and this is my position  
Humans will not be free until YOU END PROHIBITION

I'm a tawny frogmouth owl and I see your frustration  
With the punitive justice drug war of incarceration  
77,000 non criminal users each year locked and jailed  
And crime rates have risen the drug war has failed

80 percent of the injustice system is wasted each year  
Locking up people for flowers you people are queer  
It is obvious to all that prohibition has failed  
When you can harm minimise and empty half the jails

Make access safe and clean drugs a right  
Save billions of taxpayers dollars overnight  
The police could focus on violent crime  
Harm minimisation means there's less people dying

Harm minimisation means that you support the abusers  
Educate and rehabilitate the hard drug abusers  
Less Overdoses and violent crime gangs will fade away  
Grow herbs freely at home, juice cannabis each day

It is obvious to us that you must End Prohibition  
Call all politicians today is your mission  
And explain all the benefits of ending the war  
On drugs, children, the sick, elderly and poor

Write emails, make videos, protest and shout  
End prohibition, let the prisoners out  
Time to end prohibition and the drug war  
On the socially vulnerable, sick, black and poor

It makes me so mad I'm usually so quiet  
Said the tawny frogmouth, I want to sleep now it's light

## The Tawny Frogmouth part 2

The tawny frogmouth came to me early in the morning  
As the clouds turned red, as the sun was dawning  
The wise old owl hooted and the words he spoke were true  
"I'm a tawny frogmouth owl, this is what you need to do"

"Write down what I tell you, what I have to say,  
It's time you humans ended all drug prohibition today  
Us tawny frogmouth owls are spirits of the dead  
Who died from overdoses and systemic violence" he said

"I know you find it weird and difficult to believe  
But tawny frogmouth owls are loved ones that you grieve"  
"That is why I'm here with my message for you  
Ending Prohibition will save loved ones lives it's true

I'm a tawny frogmouth owl and I really give a hoot  
Prohibition harms but harm minimization is beaut"  
I stood there quietly listening to what the wise owl said  
"End all prohibition and harm minimization instead

When you end all prohibition everything will be alright  
Maybe then" the tawny frogmouth said, "I'll get some sleep at night"  
A kookaburra came in the light of early morning  
"Listen to the tawny frogmouth, listen to his warning"

"To end all prohibition and empty half the jails  
Change your outdated laws because prohibition has failed"  
The kookaburra flew off laughing "Prohibition is a failure"  
End all prohibition, hurry up Australia"

## The Tawny Frogmouth part 3

The tawny frogmouth owl came to me again  
Said, "I've got a very important message for you my friend  
I've come to visit you early in the morning  
Because you are the one who will sound my warning

We wise owls think you humans are very strange  
You seem so conservative and reluctant to embrace change  
Your outdated laws are causing much frustration  
Time to End Prohibition and change this situation

It isn't rocket science in fact is plain to see  
That your prohibition laws take people's rights to be  
Healthy, free and happy and lock them in a prison  
Jails full of poor and black, incarceration rates have risen

Mummy went to jail, Nana went there too  
All because of the herbal cannabis they grew  
Prohibition is an attack on human rights  
It is such an injustice, I have trouble sleeping at night

Humans do you get it? I do I'm an owl  
Adopt harm minimization and end prohibition now  
Prohibition is social manipulation, slavery in disguise  
Prohibition causes violent crime to rise

When prohibition exists people live in fear  
Of truth and being caught, imprisoned for a year  
Please call your politicians the tawny frogmouth said  
When you harm minimise, I can go to bed

Please reconsider your perspective on prohibition of drugs  
Free the plants and herbs and undercut the thugs  
When you end prohibition there will be a reduction in crime  
With harm minimization, there will be less parents crying

When you end prohibition billions of dollars will be saved  
Less cops, prisons, lawyers, deaths, more health and happiness every day  
I have nearly finished, I'll try to have a sleep  
But I find it very difficult because I often weep

For the victims of the drug war, those overdosed and dead  
Brothers, sisters, children's deaths preventable he said  
I'm a tawny frogmouth owl and there is something you must do  
Harm minimise, end prohibition now what I'm saying is true

Everyone can see prohibition is a failure  
End prohibition now change is good Australia  
There is one more thing, you cannot waste your vote  
Put a 1 next to the HEMP PARTY in the Senate when you vote."

#EndProhibition #MinimiseHarm #Vote1HEMP  
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