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Queensland's first cannabis clinic opens

QUEENSLANDERS who can afford to pay a \$300 fee can now get access to medicinal cannabis, with the opening of the state's first cannabis clinic.

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Buds of marijuana are shown before being placed into packets for sale at a cannabis clinic in San Francisco. Picture: Eric Risberg/AP Source: News Limited

THE first cannabis clinic in Queensland was launched today but not everyone will be able to afford its treatment.

Cannabis Access Clinic opened its first office in the Brisbane suburb of Belmont today after also opening clinics in Sydney and Melbourne.

The private clinic charges an out-of-pocket fee of \$300 for an initial consultation, which includes an application to the government for approval. It can take up to four weeks for this to come through.

Before going to the clinic, potential patients will have to get a referral from their GP or specialist who feels they may benefit from treatment.

It does not take walk-in appointments, and only sees patients who have exhausted all conventional therapies for their condition and are likely to be clinically assessed as suitable.

The clinics works with patients who have conditions including chronic pain (including cancer pain), chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting in cancer (CINV), multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, anxiety, sleep disorders, PTSD and other conditions.

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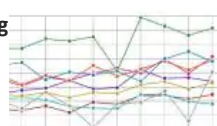
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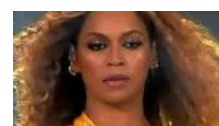
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