

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK FOR CANNABIS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear committee members,

I am writing to express my support for the legalization of cannabis in NSW. While I do not personally use cannabis, I strongly believe that legalizing all drugs can be a proactive measure to mitigate the influence of illegal drug dealers and criminals in our society.

The criminalization of drugs has not only failed to eradicate drug use but has also fueled a lucrative black market, enriching criminal enterprises and putting vulnerable individuals at risk. By legalizing and regulating drugs, the government can take control of their distribution, ensuring that products meet safety standards and reducing the associated criminal activity.

Moreover, legalization allows for better education and harm reduction strategies, promoting informed decision-making among users and providing access to treatment for those struggling with substance abuse issues.

I understand that there may be concerns regarding the potential societal impacts of legalization, but evidence from jurisdictions that have adopted similar policies suggests that the benefits outweigh the risks. By legalizing cannabis and other drugs, we can shift our approach from punitive measures to one focused on harm reduction, public health, and social justice.

I urge the NSW Parliament Committee to carefully consider the potential benefits of drug legalization and to explore policies that prioritize the well-being of our communities. Your leadership on this issue could have a profound impact on the lives of many Australians.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I am available to provide further information or assistance if needed.

Sincerely,

Seyed Hossein Mir Karimi