

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

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I use cannabis flower and also a thc and cbd oil to manage chronic pain, symptoms of Complex PTSD, Major Depression and anxiety, it is used for pain, sleep, appetite and helps with calming me down, but due to the high costs of pharmaceutical cannabis I can only afford less than what I need to take.

The law currently holds me back from being able to grow my own organically grown medicine, with taking my prescribed medicinal cannabis I am not allowed to drive even though I'm not impaired and have a script for using it. I live rural and do not have public transport even as an alternative. Which then inhibits my independence and then makes me solely dependent on others to transport me.

With taking my prescribed medicine that means I can't drive, which means I can't drive myself to appointments like seeing my therapist to address trauma from my childhood and adolescents. These current laws keep me further isolated as I am not allowed to drive with THC in my system, so can't drive to socialise with friends or family, can't drive to the shops to buy food, can't drive to see my doctor, therapist or even to be able to drive to help others.

People should be allowed to grow their own medicine and be allowed to drive if not impaired, taking Endone and driving makes you impaired, yet your allowed to drive if you have a script, should be the same for medicinal cannabis patients.

I was sexually assaulted as a young child from a family member, then was raped as a teenager, and then was sexually assaulted as an adult, I've tried to end my life two times already, using cannabis helps me deal with the symptoms from all the traumatic events from my life, without cannabis I don't think I'd be here today, with the current laws using Cannabis labels me as a criminal for using a medicine to fall asleep, and then the next day if I drive I could lose my licence, how are people meant to heal and get help and address traumatic events from their past if the current laws label them a criminal for using cannabis?