

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

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After years of suffering with chronic illness, doctors' visits, taking medication with horrible side effects, scrutinising my diet & exercise, I made the decision to try medical cannabis.

As a government employee, a father of two amazing kids, and a husband to an incredible wife, medical cannabis has had a remarkably positive effect on my life, and therefore the lives of those who depend on me. Medical cannabis has been the only treatment which has substantially improved my illness to the point that it virtually no longer impacts my life.

As a user of medical cannabis, the possibility of being pulled over by police and being charged with a criminal offence despite not being impaired is an injustice. Nobody should be driving impaired or intoxicated, but simply having THC present in my system makes me a criminal for driving. This is outrageous and must be changed. This is not Australian 'fair go'.

Please be agents for change. Please do the right thing. Support Australians on the journey to better health.