

Response to question taken on notice - NSW Inquiry into Medicinal Cannabis Driving Amendment Bill

The Hon. LOU AMATO: Yes. Are there specific laws or is it only because Health Canada is advising it?

Canadian authorities may test drivers after a reasonable suspicion that *impaired* drug-driving is occurring. This may include Standardised Field Sobriety Tests, as previously discussed, or also bodily fluid tests such as saliva.

The law appears to allow up to 2ng/mL of THC without any infringements being made. This clearly demonstrates that SOME level of THC in the body is tolerated and impairment is tested with a combination of objective drug levels AND field sobriety tests.

Thank you,

Dr Joel Wren

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