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**INQUIRY INTO ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT
(MEDICINAL CANNABIS-EXEMPTIONS FROM
OFFENCES) BILL 2021**

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Hi,

I don't understand why our government is so discriminatory against medical cannabis users. I'm personally autistic with multiple other problems that will never let me live an easy or normal life. I experience intense amount of neurological and physical pain daily that no other medications have been able to help with. My goals are working on my NDIS plan and it would be great to know that the limited times I do go driving that I don't need to feel like a criminal when in fact I never am impaired by my medication, all it does is improve my ability to be able to go out in public and really helps me with sensory overload and the intense neurological pain I experience from it and helps raise my sensory threshold of what I can input before having a meltdown. Also I am allowed to drive while taking my adhd medication (dexamphetamine) which does not impair me but slows me down and helps me focus. I don't understand how I'm allowed to drive while dexamphetamine is in my system but I can't drive after using my medical cannabis I am prescribed to use up to 4 grams a day. It's not fair, I barley leave the house as it is because of how intense my sensory sensitivity issues are and medical cannabis really helps me out with that but sadly I feel it's even harder to go out due to our scary drug driving laws which should not include prescribed people. You could ask my family or partner about wether it impairs me and they would tell you they have never seen me impaired from my medical cannabis, all it does in improve my quality of life and pain levels. I still am suffering at random points all day (I have a hyposensitivity to physical pain) and my neurological pain hurts way more than some serious physical injuries I've had and I have to live with that daily. I can't handle lights,touch,change or random sounds and in public I have no control to those variables and it's a ticking time bomb before sensory overload becomes so painful and I have a meltdown. I should be allowed to use my medication if I feel a meltdown coming on. I can assure you my medications I take daily do not impair me the slightest and I'd happily debate all medical cannabis does is improve things no other medication can. Even with it my life is still nothing like a neurotypicals and I still am at a major disadvantage in day to day life but medical cannabis gives me more of a chance. So I believe medical cannabis patients who need their medication to help function should be allowed to drive as long as they are not impaired by their medication and are otherwise only medicating for the conditions that disable them to help improve the already limited functionality in day to day life. Please can we change our drug driving laws for medical cannabis users. I am not a criminal and can't stand not driving when I very rarely need to just because I am made out to be a criminal for treating my chronic disabilities and pain. I don't want my support worker to always have to drive when sometimes on the odd day my sensory sensitivities are not as bad as usual and I don't have enough funding to always get my support worker to drive. Please can medical cannabis be treated like my ADHD medication, it really does not impair me in the slightest and I don't ever want to feel like a criminal for treating my disabilities