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

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Dear NSW politicians,

I am writing this submission with the hope that the current driving laws can be amended to stop punishing disabled Australians like myself for using effective medication for our conditions. I give permission for my driving records to be checked to confirm the information I'm providing. Prior to medical cannabis I have had multiple speeding fines, defect notices, at fault accidents and I used to get angry at other drivers. In the last 5 years since using cannabis regularly I haven't even drawn enough attention to myself to be pulled over for a random breath test. Could it be that I'm now actually obeying the rest of the road user rules because I'm medicating with prescribed cannabis? YES! Very much so! However my problem is the anxiety and stress that is created by the unjust THC detection methods currently used by the NSW police. I could stop using my medicine for multiple days and still test positive whilst not being under the influence or effected by the substance. Imagine applying the same rules to alcohol. No limit on how much is detectable, if there's alcohol on any level even 0.01 instant loss of license. If you've had a beer on a Friday after work you could test positive to alcohol on Wednesday the next week and have to explain yourself to the officer that wants to know why your drunk and driving. These laws belong in the Soviet Union not a country like Australia. It's time that Australia ends this nonsense method of testing for impairment as it's only realistically an indicator test and doesn't advise the officer if the person is NEGATIVELY affected by the substance. It's widely accepted that individuals have differing levels of tolerance for substances like cannabis. Why is it not widely acceptable to think that people with different tolerance levels may need different detection methods to show their true level of impairment? I have taken multiple modern medicines that have had a much larger negative impact on my driving ability yet it was completely legal and acceptable to drive on these medicines? It was completely legal for me take Seroquel, Valium and endep even at the same time and go out for a drive while half falling asleep at the wheel. You need to be able to distinguish the difference between impairment and an indication a substance is present in a body. The war on drugs is hurting poor and disabled people more than the genuine criminals. I was considered a criminal for self medicating with cannabis prior to being able to obtain it medically. The fact cannabis is illegal prevented me from educating myself on cannabis for many years, out of fear the police would show up on my doorstep. Let me repeat myself, the war on drugs is hurting poor and disabled people more than genuine criminals. Any politician that is against legalising cannabis needs to stand down as you're no longer fit for service to this country. The biggest problem with cannabis is the approx 90 years of disinformation that the global governments have been pushing. For thousands of years prior to that humans used cannabis without incident but you seem to conveniently forget that part. Lastly a bible verse for everyone from the book of genesis chapter 1 verse 29.

Hebrew: God said, "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth, and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit; they shall be yours for food.

Old Latin: God also said, "See, I have given you every seed bearing plant bearing its seed over all the earth, and every tree that has seed bearing fruit.

Apparently the Australian government thinks our lord and saviour was excluding one plant?
Or is it that the lord and saviour was intending for it to be heavily taxed and regulated and they just forgot to mention that part in the bible?