

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

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Partially
Confidential

I have chronic arthritis in my lumbar facet joints for >2 years.

I also have had a failed cervical nerve root decompression and I am left with chronic nerve pain.

Opiates and other are freely handed out with horrible longterm effects.

I have tried conventional treatments with many side effects i.e drowsiness, nausea, anhedonia.

When I started medical cannabis I could gradually wean myself to a minimum dose of usual medications.

I strictly use after work and before bed. Next morning I feel fresh from a good night sleep with no drowsiness or impairment, compared to traditionally accepted medications.

I have 2 children that I had great difficulty caring for and playing with until I started medical cannabis.

I totally understand the fact that you shouldn't drive right after using the medication, but the fact that I can't drive 12hours (or rather 10 days after) after taking my medical cannabis is to me an unfair and unjust double standard.

For the individuals that are prescribed these products with clear dosing instructions and frequent follow up, this treatment is much safer than opiates, antiepileptics, benzodiazepines.

Thank you.