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

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Hello

My husband lost his three year battle to cancer, one month before our 29th anniversary. During this period, prescription CBD with a small percentage of THC, helped to manage pain and anxiety around his prognosis. Unfortunately the anxiety around losing his licence due to RDT meant he was reluctant to drive even though he was completely capable. This meant I was his full time driver to chemo, scans, therapy etc from BANGALOW to Brisbane. This exacerbated his feeling of powerlessness. Later, when my anxiety and sleeplessness around his terminal illness became too much to bear, I was prescribed the same CBD mix (Tilray). I am unable to take other meds due to kidney issues. I had considerable concern about the possibility of running into RDTs. This stress is unnecessary and cruel. I am aware that many moderates in our cancer support groups were forced to use technologies such as Facebook groups and Waze to monitor or report the position of RDTs thus negating legitimate efforts to catch real recreational drug users.

It is critical that we exclude medicinal cannabis users from driving offences. As a minimum there should be both an impairment test and a test that determines an allowable threshold for THC in the bloodstream similar to those for blood alcohol. I look forward to a fair and balanced outcome to this enquiry.