

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

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I support the amendment bill in its entirety except I consider clause 3(1) (1A) (b) requires amendment to avoid creating a potential unfair loophole. Medicinal cannabis patients will rely on the script provided by their doctor regarding method and frequency of administration (which includes the printed label on the Medicine bottle). Patients should not be subject to potential prosecution in event their doctor has not met legal requirements when making out their prescription. For this reason clause 3(1) (1A) (b) should be clarified to ensure a user of medicinal cannabis will not be prosecuted where they administer the medicine according to their prescription. The term 'administered' should be defined. It is unclear if that word is meant to refer to dosage, timing, frequency or how the medicine is taken.

Further, The bill should commence as soon as possible to avoid persons using medically prescribed cannabis from being unfairly prosecuted.

Further the bill should include, in relation to the circumstances described in the bill, retrospective provisions enabling persons previously found guilty or who are currently subject to prosecution to have their convictions quashed, or otherwise to require their charges to be dropped, as the case may be.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.