

Submission  
No 87

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

**Name:** Name suppressed

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Partially  
Confidential

Previously I was prescribed a high dose of benzodiazepines for my anxiety. Although I never abused the medication I did become severely addicted to it just by following my doctors instructions. It made me extremely sleepy yet I was legally allowed to drive on it and did for 15 years. It took me 2 years to slowly come off the medication. I now can have a very low dose of THC oil in the evening when I finish work and that does the job of the extremely strong and addictive medication I used to use. However, if I chose to drive even a week after an evening where I take my prescribed medication that has no negative side effects, and that medication is in my system I can lose my license, and consequently my job. So the choice is go back in a horrible medication and keep my license and job. Or take an all natural medication with no side effects that is legally prescribed by a doctor, but maybe lose my license and my job.