

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK FOR CANNABIS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I am a 62 year old woman. I work a few days a week which pays my rent and other expenses. I am a law-abiding citizen with no criminal history. I prefer to have a smoke of pot of an evening, in lieu of drinking wine or other alcohol.

However, I live in the Northern Rivers area, and so cannot risk smoking at home in case I have to undergo a 'random' drug test on the road the next day. These are very common within the Northern Rivers - I see at least one set-up each week as I travel around for work.

I do not believe there is no way to prescribe a blood THC level in the same way we have a prescribed blood alcohol level to ensure drivers are fit to be behind the wheel.

I know of people in my area whose licences have been cancelled, because they have smoked pot the day before testing. Living in a regional area if you lose your drivers' licence, you lose your job - possibly your housing and so on. There is no evidence that smoking marijuana the day before testing negatively impacts on driving capacity, yet drivers are tested for 'presence' of something rather than a prescribed amount. This needs fixing - indeed the evidence shows that this punitive system of testing has not reduced the number of people smoking pot, and a glance at the road toll shows zero impact on the toll. Another fail from the extremely expensive 'war on drugs'