

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

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I put Forward my submission in request of firstly a change in the driving laws for medical cannabis users. I would like to be able to use my medication more frequently but I am afraid of losing my licence and in turn my job as a support worker and then my losing my family home.

I use medical cannabis for chronic pain and anxiety and for lack of sleep. The times I do use it yes it does definitely help and I track this on the onttacka app. Again I hardly get to use it due to outdated laws. In the mean time I can be handed opioid medication and ruin my health further and still be affected the next day.

Secondly I also believe we should be allowed to use this as a recreational outlet just as freely as drinking. Considering there is no violence on cannabis and it would from what I have seen in the past be a positive impact in decreased domestic violence in homes also.

Thirdly the jobs this industry would create and the income back into Australia would be phenomenal.

So please see the sense in this and listen to the people. It's time to lift the laws and let Australians use this wonderful plant for that it's worth.