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

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Cannabis Sativa, literally meaning "domesticated," has been a part of human civilization since pre-history, without directly causing a single recorded death. The current scheduling of cannabis is completely out of touch with societal norms, and many parts of the developed world have moved towards a more tolerant legal framework.

Existing laws in New South Wales disproportionately affect minorities, pushing them into the criminal justice system and further marginalising individuals, thus limiting their future prospects. NSW police often target these vulnerable groups excessively, resorting to degrading invasive searches. Many officers treat this as a game rather than an aspect of community policing aimed at keeping people safe.

Cannabis has been proven to alleviate symptoms of epilepsy, Tourette's, and provide relief for individuals undergoing cancer treatment, including stimulating appetite and offering some pain relief.

Furthermore, considering the current conversation around intimate partner abuse, there is anecdotal evidence from Uruguay suggesting that admissions to emergency rooms for spousal abuse have decreased significantly. Additionally, there has been no increase in presentations of mental illness in California, Colorado, and Oregon in the USA.

Ultimately, people who enjoy recreational cannabis do not cause societal harm. Most of them prefer to sit down with a bag of crisps and listen to music. Put four drunk individuals in a room, and a fight is likely to break out. In contrast, four stoners might form a band.

Legislation cannot dictate morality. It's time to repeal these unjust laws, allow home growing and cannabis social clubs, enabling the community to continue to exist as it currently does behind a shroud and with no advertising and without heralding the collapse of Western Civilization.

End the war on drugs and give peace a chance.