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

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I am a single dad of 4 i have struggled with mental health and other issues that i have faced in my life marijuana has helped me overcome a lot of these issues and helped me better myself for my children and my family it helps me focus and helps me deal with my inner turmoils.

Due to the bad rap marijuana gets and the laws making it illegal makes it hard to use marijuana in a way to help oneself overcome different obstacles that other medications don't do. And to due to the way marijuana is portrayed in the legal system makes it hard for one to use marijuana as one should be allowed to. Due to how marijuana is portrayed in the legal system I'm currently going through court proceedings with an x and due to this I have had to stop taking my medical marijuana as I am scared I could lose the case due to the way marijuana is portrayed in the legal system when all I am doing is using it to medicate and help with the pressures of my mental health and society itself. And I think that this is quite wrong as I am using marijuana legally and I am still scared that this could have a profound effect on me having legal custody of one of my children which should not even be an issue as alcohol is even worse and you can drink all you want and still have access to children I think this is highly wrong and the legal system needs to be changed to allow one to smoke or ingest and not be judged when one can ingest alcohol and not even be judged.

I started smoking marijuana to help me overcome my thoughts of suicide and my mental health state I wholeheartedly hold marijuana as the reason I have overcome these issues and got myself to a stable and happy and loving person without this I probably wouldn't be here for my children.

I think the changes to the legal system that would allow one to use marijuana recreationally and medically and not be judged just as people drink and smoke cigarettes when these two actually have profound impacts on one's body and families where marijuana and we has positive outcomes I really think the legal system needs to be updated and changed to allow people to smoke and or ingest without the fee of being locked up or called a criminal.

I believe we should use more advanced tests to show the level of impairment as one can drive after one joint or a few drops of thc and not be impaired but have ones nerves calmed as i suffer from anxiety and after just one joint i am not high but i am calm and this allows me to continue every day life as "normal" but if i was to drive after one joint get pulled over and tested even when im not "high" i would be charge which is absolutely absurd and absolutely disgraceful I'm actually quite disgraced in Australia's legal system and Australia's political views on such an amazing medication that could be doing so good and helping so many people but due to the views of this medication people that could really benefit from it can't due to this and people really need to wake up especially these areas and maybe even try it themselves and see it's not such a bad thing that needs to be devilised and treated the way that it does. Also legalising it and having it regularly accessible will take the money out of the hands of actual criminals and put it towards Australia for the better and improve Australia itself as if you look at the amount of money countries that have legalised marijuana for recreational use in Missouri in the USA alone generated more than \$64 million in tax revenue last year think of all the good this would be for Australias economic growth instead of it being in unsavoury peoples hands.