

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

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Medicinal cannabis has been critical in assisting my mother in maintaining appetite and good humour while living with a terminal illness, and the side effects of the treatment she gets for it (chemotherapy)

It has helped me deal with chronic anxiety in relation to this illness, as well as reducing my alcohol intake, which prior to my use of cannabis was becoming problematic. Cannabis does not affect my mood or make me as sick physically as alcohol does, which I imagine is the case for most.

I am a non-smoker so being able to vape helps with my use of the medicine, and not affecting others around me with the smell of the smoke.

I believe that Harry Ainslinger built his political career by fearmongering the use of illicit drugs, particularly by praying upon public sentiments of racism against blacks and mexicans back in the 1930s. This is evidenced by our use of the spanish word "marijuana" over the english word cannabis. We are very short-sighted as humans. Prior to this humans had a long and healthy history with cannabis, a plant from our nature.

I am a firm believer that cannabis does more good than harm, unlike alcohol, which has always been legal and devastated communities across Australia.

I believe that legal cannabis would open up new industry in Australia, boosting our economy. It would reduce our destructive alcohol intake and assist in medical innovation. It would also allow police to focus more on destructive drugs like alcohol and methamphetamine.