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

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I use cannabis as prescribed by a Doctor for Autism symptoms as well as PTSD. Prior to Medicinal Cannabis I was using other prescription medicines which made my symptoms worse and sent me into psychosis, coming across a natural therapy that mimics the effects of other prescription medicines without the side effects has provided me with the desired therapy results.

I was always afraid of cannabis use due to the stigma and my education in Australia. Once it was prescribed to me I realised I needed to educate myself on the topic. After a year of researching and detoxing from non-medicinal cannabis prescription medicines, I concluded that I need to join a party that educates our citizens and government ministers on the benefits of Medicinal cannabis and begin change.

I couldn't understand why I could legally drive on legalised Methamphetamine (dexamphetamine) but not medicinal cannabis, hence my research continues and efforts into law reform. I had a letter from my Dr for any positive roadside tests to Meth caused by my prescription, I believe the same can be provided for Medicinal Cannabis.

Current laws get in the way as there is no framework for driving with medicinal cannabis in your system, even when not under the effects that may cause impairment while driving. The law is contradictory to itself as described above, citizens can drive on other medicines but not a natural medicine.