

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

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To the committee

I wish to provide my experience with the medical cannabis program nationally.

My submission relates to the situation many medically prescribed patients face in an environment devoid of consumer law and protections we are entitled to as citizens of Australia. The fair trading act of 1997 clearly states unambiguously "consumer rights cannot be extinguished for any reason". Yet all participants are illegally removed of consumer protections within the TGA administered racket. Regular consumer protection agencies indicate they are wanting to help but are prevented by legislation which allegedly exempts the TGA business from Consumer laws. The result I see widely is every anti consumer illegal activity you wish to think of is occurring, naturally as intended. From the importation of expired European crops for re birthing and flogging to pensioners, ring fencing of services and products, extreme gouging, exploitation of vulnerable patients, price fixing size and availability restrictions and even a brand specific script requirement including no substitution now which further restricts availability, mis use of gamma irradiation to extend shelf life, loop holes sought creating a literal dumping ground for expired international products not permitted to be sold at home among the most abhorrent and illegal practices I have seen unfold in the tga program over years with recent complications regarding scripting changes causing what is combined an atrocious racket, I documented and informed every single government agency from fair trading to the attorney general himself, all of whom have retreated from the protection of consumers in the face of the power of the tga and the drug dealers they call sponsors of the tga. It is for this reason, the apparent criminal activities of the tga and its sponsors, that I must lodge a submission to legalize cannabis completely to remove this, absolutely government condoned business model of the bastardization of patients at the hands of an outrageously expensive racket. The tga have become dependant on the sponsors donations and patients secondary to the rackets profit margins which are obscene, Corporations despite close watching and the oversight body itself has become anti consumer resulting in wide spread gouging and organised theft from patients is unacceptable and the solution very simple, allow medically prescribed patients the option to grow thier own in limited amounts, Any other solution without bringing expected consumer law to the racket will only result in new methods of gouging and bastardisation, The TGA have had over a decade to ensure the program operates in accordance with consumer law and has done nothing in that regard except increase the gouging ability of the sponsors. Growing my own will enable me to avoid gouging and anti consumer practices some of which are deemed offences attracting 25 years in prison overseas for the ceo caught misusing gamma irradiation to extend shelf life for example, here no worries mate... This is unacceptable and the only reasonable solution is permitted limited growing for self consumption. As the tga showed us having a medical program was to also break the illicit trade model, based on that example it is now time to break the tga business model in exactly the same fashion as it has become equally criminally oriented toward consumers.

Had the program engaged, bought in consumer protections and had a fair playing field, I would not be complaining, however the degree of outrageous racketeering and criminal behavior allowed by the tga in return for sponsor cash is obscene and beyond acceptable. The solution is to allow chronically ill folk like myself, at my own property to grow a limited amount for only self consumption is a reasonable request in the complete absence of consumer protection I can't see the program being anything but TGA sanctioned drug dealers paying the tga to sell their wares to unsuspecting consumers. complete decriminalization far better than condoning sanctioned drug dealers who pay cash to the tga to sell thier wares.....the most thinly veiled racket ever, green buckets scandal going live at 7.30pm one week on national tv will be far more embarrassing than allowing permitted personal use growing for sick patients....that the only consideration the committee need to identify really.