

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

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I currently take CBD extract oil through my GP for debilitating menstruation pain.

The CBD oil helps but still doesn't relieve all the pain. I also find it takes around an hour or more to have effect. I was prescribed a CBD flower with a very low THC percentage. This allowed me to get instant relief and use in conjunction with my oil. The down side was I was concerned how long the THC would show up on a saliva drug test if I was to drive. I am a full-time carer and therefore need to be able to do my duties of caring without limitations of driving. I stopped using the flower after one or two menstrual cycles only due to the laws not allowing medical THC in my system days or weeks later driving.

I would like to see a modern reform to the cannabis laws. Firstly no one should be victimised for taking a prescribed medication for their health. Cannabis is natural and not a "illicit drug" like it's been propagated to be. We should be able to access and use without restriction. This has been demonstrated to work effectively in other countries. As for driving the driver should be responsible for gauging their impairment just as they do with alcohol before driving. Not one size fits all with alcohol and being over the legal limit to drive. I think police could have a tactical test of motor skills or no test at all as the driver should make a decision of their capabilities. If a driver gets no sleep for 24 hours or more nothing stops them from driving legally unless they chose not to drive due to their impairment or unless the police observed dangerous driving or impairment. I hope that NSW can move forward and profit with mental and physical health of its residents and with the economic profits and potentials a legal cannabis industry will bring.