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

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The Regulation & Framework of Cannabis in NSW appears to have no clear path to access since being implemented in 2016. The rules for accessing cannabis vary greatly between dealing with Private Surgeries & Government Departments regarding the process & paperwork for the Special Access Scheme. I have now worked my way through a private surgery and with DVA as a Veteran, the DVA process is still current and has been moving forward slowly since late last year, the Private surgery was booked & implemented in a number of weeks. Then after the appointments you may access a Script & order the products. This part then becomes a very expensive next move with my first 12 months of scripts costing over \$10,000.00. I still have no access to Medical Cannabis in the small country town out west so all that money goes to a different town for their benefit. Stress is increased when your products get with Australia Post for delivery & not available over the counter in the Chemist.

Legal patients need access to Community Areas to consume the medication privately & safely. The sky does not fall in as proved by other Countries that have legalisation & Health, Housing, Hospitals/Medicare & Schools could benefit from the direct input of the Tax that is created for this industry. Previous Governments have dragged the chain with any sort of implementation of Legal Adult Access since 2016 which should be ready to roll out going on 8 years down the track. Cannabis should be opened up to the community as soon as possible in Australia.