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

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I suffer with chronic pain. Strong prescription pain killers are often highly addictive, often have bad side effects and also have the potential to cause death by accidental overdose. I have used cannabis as an option for pain relief and as a sleep aid. It is non-addictive has hardly any (if at all) side effects and has zero chance of overdose potential. Continuing to treat those who use and/or possess cannabis for their personal use is an archaic ideal of an era long since past. Even its recreational use is far less harmful, both healthwise and socially than other products such as alcohol and tobacco, which are legal. Its long past the time we should be legalizing this harmless herb for the benefit of all.