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

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The science is very clear on where cannabis stands in terms of benefits and risks. Overdose is not possible as it is not toxic enough - even if you fill a room with the vapour and remove all breathable air, you'd die of asphyxiation long before you overdosed. While, yes, there are risks - psychosis, depression, anxiety, along with the many risks it shares with nicotine when smoked - the same can be said for any drug, including alcohol and caffeine.

For those not affected by the risks, there are many documented benefits, albeit anecdotal in nature - legalisation opens the door to further and uninhibited study into benefits like the ones being done into LSD's benefits for the clinically depressed through micro-dosing.

I believe it is every person's right to put whatever they want into their own body as long as they don't harm anyone else while doing so, and that if people find that they can't behave when putting something in their body, they have a right to judgement-free access to medical help. This is the stance we take with alcohol - is it really that much of a stretch to do the same for cannabis?