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

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I would like to voice strong support for legalising cannabis in NSW. The negative impacts of the current legal status (putting otherwise harmless and innocent people through the legal system, targeting by police, imprisonment and fines, associate stigma and employment difficulties, contact with the black market and questionable people, funding criminal enterprise) far outweigh any potential negative impacts from actual use. In recent years this has become even more clear with the examples of legalisation or decriminalisation from many other jurisdictions around the world, where there have been net positive benefits found. It makes much more sense to take a harm reduction approach, and instead address any potential negatives through the healthcare system, especially when considering that the relative harms from alcohol have been found to be greater than cannabis.