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

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I am nearly 75 years old and have used cannabis on and off since I was 18 with only beneficial effect. Am grateful that finally in Australia medical cannabis is obtainable, but this still does not go far enough. It is utterly absurd that it is otherwise illegal and worse than absurd to claim it is harmful. All the evidence points to its benevolent and benign uses, including pain relief, relief from depression and anxiety, and a unique effect of relaxation combined with enhanced alertness. No pharmaceutical drug is a substitute, and why substitute anyway when Nature provides. There is no shortage of well-researched, well-supported evidence to make the claim for legalisation. It is sad and shameful that people who would benefit from its availability cannot obtain it, and that disproved claims of harm, whether individual or social, are still either believed or weaponised.