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

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I am a high school teacher, ten years into my career. I experienced a horrific road accident in 2007, resulting in multiple broken bones and a chronic pain condition. For a number of years this was managed by codeine prescribed by my doctor. After my doctor expressed concern about taking the medication for such a long time, we considered alternatives. In 2022 he referred me to a doctor who specialises in prescribing medicinal cannabis. Since 2022 I have ceased to take codeine altogether, and now manage my pain with CBD oil during the day, and THC oil at night. This manages my pain without impairing my ability to work or drive. The only problem for me now is a) the prohibitive cost of the medication, and b) the fact that it is illegal for me to drive with a detectable amount of THC in my system in NSW. I am a stable, regular user of medicinal cannabis with a perfect driving record, and it should be legal for me to drive as long as I am not in an impaired state (and I would never drive under those circumstances). Thanks for considering my submission.