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

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Making criminals of people who choose to use cannabis is wrong. It is possible to grow it yourself or if it were legal, to purchase it legally, thereby eliminating the black market. Drug driving laws are flawed as there is no measure of how affected and you therefore become a criminal for using and being under the influence when, in fact, you are neither. If you could measure the THC in the blood, based on levels that would affect your ability, that would make it fairer. Criminal convictions make it harder to fully participate in society, meaning young lives can be ruined before they start. Saying no has never been an effective argument that halts drug use, and criminalising instead of assisting dependency is not an effective solution. The book the 'War on drugs' outlines why criminalising and Prohibition don't work, why most people who use drugs are fully functioning social members and why those who have a dependency need help not a criminal record. You should read it.