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

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I am a woman in my seventies. My previously profession was as a social worker.

I've suffered severe migraines for most of my adult life and for the past two years I have suffered with bursitis. I know many otherwise law-abiding citizens who suffer chronic pain and use cannabis as a painkiller. I am fortunate in having a doctor who prescribed me CBD oil.

Cannabis is a far safer recreational drug than alcohol. Legalising it could reduce the road toll.

Those who use cannabis for medicinal purposes may be arrested for drug-driving, even if they used it days before. There is no impairment but they are charged.

The sale of cannabis also funds people's use of more harmful drugs such as ice. The legalisation of cannabis would take away that market.