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

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As a medical cannabis patient I am discriminated against. I am approved to use THC based medicine for a genuine medical condition however as I work for a government transport agency I am subject to random drug and alcohol testing. Given the nature of THC staying in ones system for extended periods of time, and the tests looking for presence of cannabis metabolites not actual THC (AS/NZS4308), I am unable to take my medication without risking my employment.

Please note I am not advocating for people to be able to attend work that are impaired, I am in fact very much against this. I do however believe THC should be treated like other medicines and a medical defence should be in place for unimpaired workers as it is with all other medications.