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

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The criminalization of cannabis has failed utterly. It's a classic and typical failure of Prohibitionist laws, none of which have ever worked as intended.

This drug has been in common use for decades.

Criminalization simply makes the sale of cannabis profitable for organized crime. Nobody else benefits from illegality.

Illegality is unrealistic. It serves no useful purpose.

Enforcement of laws is extremely expensive

The enforcement process is legal "clutter" and has had no impact on usage.

Legalize the sale and distribution of cannabis under licenses similar to alcohol licensing. (Preferably experienced license holders.)

Legalization will at least allow oversight of possible contaminants like Fentanyl, now common in the US, and ensure product safety. This oversight is not possible under current laws.