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

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Legalising cannabis is an idea whose time has come.

I have worked in a laboratory with colleagues who worked on a medical cannabis project, researching cannabinoids for pain control. Strong protections were in place to make sure every milligram of cannabis product used in our lab and in the clinic was accounted for. It is a huge barrier to research in this promising field.

Further, it seems inconsistent to regulate the supply of alcohol and to make it legal for every person over the age of 18 while cannabis for recreational use remains illegal. On the basis of harm done, that seems the wrong way around.