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

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I am a 62-year-old RN with chronic muscle-skeletal pain, due to arthritis. My mobility, ability to sleep and chronic pain were impacting severely on my ability to work, travel and socialise. It was also starting to negatively impact on my mental health - as I was never pain free.

I was taking ever increasing amounts of opioids - which over time were have less effect.

Since starting medicinal cannabis under the care of my GP I have stopped using opioids regularly, and only take an occasional anti-inflammatory.

However as we are increasingly moving toward returning to office based work - and having more face to face meetings - I am having to replace my THC/CBD oil blend at night, as I fear a random drug driving test. This not only increases my pain, but is leading to increasing use of opioids on those days for adequate analgesia. I can't risk a drug test as it may impact my registration with AHPRA or the NMBA.