

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

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Andy Putnam and I have been consuming cannabis for over 50 years.

I have worked in a variety of fields during my working life and have never had an employer react adversely to my cannabis consumption.

In the early '80s however, I was busted for growing cannabis in my backyard. That meant due to US law I was unable to visit my American father. Towards the end of his life in desperation he requested I see him. It took a visit to a US consulate and some negotiations before I could freely travel to the United States to see my father.

The denial of the human right to be reunited with a parent is a harsh punishment. The unnecessary prolonged pain I felt for decades is beyond description.

Please take into account the effect that prohibition can have on the lives of everyday cannabis user.

Yours Sincerely

Andy Putnam