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

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Now that marijuana has been legalised for medical use, it is still well and truly out of reach for a great many people due to now outdated legislation. For example: those people who can afford medical marijuana and also those who cannot afford it are both discriminated against because they cannot drive a motor vehicle.

The current legislation was relevant (?) before the THC was extracted from marijuana, however, now that it has been removed it is still illegal to drive a motor vehicle while taking medically prescribed marijuana that of course does not contain any THC.`

Subsequently many people do not (because they cannot) drive while non THC containing marijuana is not treated differently by the police/legal system.

Therefore people who need to drive for work/business or who need a vehicle to get to and from their homes, particularly those who cannot take public transport, in rural areas where there is virtually no public transport are severely disadvantaged by the current law.

This needs to change. It serves no point in allowing this injustice to continue where it has already been legislated to allow people with a genuine medical condition to access legalised marijuana but not able to drive a motor vehicle when there is no THC present in their systems.