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

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Cannabis should be legal for adult use.

As a medicinal cannabis user I enjoy privileges that I believe all Australians should benefit from.

It's a plant-based medicine that has been utilised for positive benefit for millennia; it is time we ended prohibition of cannabis for responsible adults.

Whilst medicinal cannabis has been legal on a federal level since 2016, prior to that I have personally suffered multiple negative encounters with authorities (NSW Police) who have invested in a heavy-handed approach that serves only to alienate and create distrust of the authorities.

The most evident example of which is the NSW Police's wide-reaching, aggressive and indiscriminate use of drug dogs at train stations and music festivals - it undermines principles of "community-based policing".

I have personally consumed cannabis for over 26 years and can attest to this fantastic plant's many positives and health benefits. I fully support the legalisation of cannabis for adult use, and strongly oppose the current discriminatory and oppressive prohibitor legal framework.