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

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It's time to change the roadside drug testing laws in NSW in relation to cannabis. They are not fair, reliable or equitable. There is a difference between driving under the influence and driving with cannabis in your system. The current legislation is ruining people's lives, when it is not warranted.

I have suffered from chronic back pain for most of my life as well as migraines and sleep problems. I have been on pain medication, seen various doctors, physio, chiro and undertaken many treatment plans to no avail. The only relief I have found is through prescribed cannabis.

Since taking prescribed cannabis, my quality of life has improved significantly. The pain is manageable and reduced. I sleep better, am able to perform better in my job and I have found it even has helped with ASD. My relationships with others have improved and I have been able to be there to support my family in times of need also. My overall health has improved so much, and I am extremely fit and healthy because of my quality of life now thanks to cannabis.

I never drive while under the influence, yet I and hundreds of thousands of other Australians are constantly stressed because the roadside drug tests and laws around cannabis in your system are inflexible. People should not be unduly punished. The justice system is simply unjust.

Penalising people on prescribed cannabis when it is unwarranted is destroying people's lives. How many years will it take for the government to listen, to change the roadside drug tests to accurate testing methods and to acknowledge that the laws are failing people that are actually not doing the wrong thing?

Enough is enough, we want to see cannabis regulated differently!