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

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I was diagnosed with a Chronic Pain condition as a result of scoliosis in 2018 at the age of 20.

Due to my pain I've been unable to maintain my life, even taking an extended break from my career this year to work on my physical wellbeing. Chronic Pain was severely affecting my quality of living; coping with side effects from the painkillers I take daily, having to cancel plans with friends and family due to flare ups, being unable to sit for extended periods of time and missing out on going to the movies, or having a road trip.

Medical Cannabis has given me my life back.

I'm no longer in agony for days on end, I can function and feel almost like normal me again.

I am concerned with the current Drug Driving laws.

I live in rural NSW where inexpensive public transport is not readily available.

Medical Cannabis has given me so much of my life back, but part of it is taken away as well.

I do not agree with, and would never drive under the influence of any substance. However, with the current laws I am still unable to drive for 1-2 days (when the drug is no longer impacting me), without fear of losing my license, and potentially being convicted for driving under the influence.

Daily I have to choose whether to be able to be in pain or be able to drive.

I am 26 years old and I live with daily pain, pain that can be debilitating and that I will have for the rest of my life.

Medical Cannabis has given me almost all of my life back, I would love to see the Legislation and Societal view of Cannabis changed, so that I and others like me are able to live a life that is as fulfilling as possible.