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

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The current situation is that Medical Cannabis is extremely expensive and tied up like a racket for doctors and chemists.

Recreational cannabis causes less harm than alcohol - yet alcohol is almost promoted by politicians - every time a new government comes in, we see the politicians at the bar with the schooner. Check the research on both if you don't believe me.

People should have the right to grow their own cannabis instead of having to go through a costly medical process. Fair enough, if they need a tailored medical product - you could certainly lower the astronomical costs, because it is an excellent medication for pain, nausea and some mental health issues.

However, the refusal to legalise home grown cannabis is (a) imposing politician's own morality on the rest of society who have a right to their own morality around cannabis - ie not ruling for everybody just ruling for your churchy views (b) not harm minimisation because it forces young people to seek the drug from suppliers who then push harder drugs, thereby putting them at risk (c) is completely out of step with worldwide legislation including states within America and (d) could be seen as protecting vested interests who profit from the current medicalised arrangement.

Legalisation can be accompanied by harm minimisation education, just as with alcohol Preventing people from growing their own is classist and anti-liberal.

The laws on drugs have never really been about what's right, what people want, or even what is safe. Time to change this.