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

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I am writing to express my profound disappointment in the New South Wales Government's current stance and approach toward the potential legalization of marijuana. It appears that there has been a significant lack of willingness to engage with, or even consider, findings and recommendations from past drug reviews and studies. This disregard undermines the potential benefits of a well-regulated legal marijuana market, such as improved public health outcomes and increased tax revenue.

For instance, numerous studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of harm minimisation strategies in dealing with drug-related issues. The Global Commission on Drug Policy, among others, has consistently highlighted that harm minimisation, rather than prohibition, leads to better health and social outcomes. This evidence seems to have been overlooked in the current discourse on marijuana policy in New South Wales.

I urge the government to re-evaluate its position and give due consideration to the substantial body of research advocating for harm minimisation and legalisation. Ignoring these insights not only stalls progress but also continues to criminalize and harm individuals who could otherwise benefit from a more enlightened approach to drug policy.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Voter