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Dear TGA Committee,

I am a NSW based psychiatrist who works both in the public and private sector.

I am passionate about giving mental health sufferers access to the best possible treatments.

There is considerable evidence that both psilocybin and MDMA have significant potential in the treatment of psychiatric disorders, especially in augmenting psychotherapy in trauma based disorders. Trauma is the foundational cause of a whole suite of psychiatric disorders.

There is also a world of potential in engaging in further research associated with the functions and effects of both psilocybin and MDMA. Our understanding of the brain and human consciousness promises to be enriched by expanding the scope of this field of study. This was abrubtly stalled decades ago more to do with political and not scientific trends.

I strongly support the reclassification of both the relevant drugs from Section 9 to Section 8.

Thank you for your consideration.

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