



Media release

Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Cannabis bill inquiry hearing on Friday

A parliamentary committee examining a bill to decriminalise cannabis for personal use and legalise private growing of cannabis plants is holding a public hearing this week.

[Watch the live broadcast](#) of the Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee from 9:30 am on Friday 14 February.

Witnesses will present evidence on behalf of Alcohol and Drug Foundation, Burnet Institute, Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association, Australian Christian Lobby, Federation of Community Legal Centres, Australian Lawyers Alliance, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, Fitzroy Legal Service and Drug Advisory Council of Australia.

Patrick Keyzer, Richard Keane and Iain McGregor are also scheduled to speak during the day.

The Committee is reviewing the [Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment \(Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis\) Bill 2023](#).

It seeks to make it lawful for an adult to possess small quantities of cannabis for personal use and for an adult to cultivate no more than six cannabis plants for personal use.

It would also permit an adult lawfully in possession of cannabis to give the cannabis by way of a gift to another adult and for other purposes.

Members of the Committee travelled to Canberra on Tuesday to learn of the impacts of the Australian Capital Territory's decriminalisation of personal use of cannabis in addition to legalising private growing of cannabis plants.

The inquiry received 58 submissions and will publish a report in parliament by 18 March 2025.

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