

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria



Organisation Name:

Your position or role:

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Drag the statements below to reorder them. In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria to consider:

Accessing and using cannabis, Mental health, Education, Public health, Public safety, Social impacts, Young people and children, Criminal activity

What best describes your interest in our Inquiry? (select all that apply) :

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

YOUR SUBMISSION

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Select all that apply.

Do you think there should there be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :

Personal use of cannabis should be decriminalised.

(Decriminalised: there are no criminal or civil penalties instead a person is referred to a drug diversion program or other health/ treatment service), Personal use of cannabis should be legal. Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.

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I appreciate this opportunity to voice my opinions to Victorian Government for the legalisation of Cannabis for Medical applications and the growing of the medicine for personal usage.

I developed Prostate Cancer in 2015, and I had a total prostatectomy that left me with Hypo active bladder issues. The result was the urge to urinate at 2 to 3 hour intervals, day and night.

Not getting enough relaxed sleep has led to mental health issues and depression, this affected both my work and personal life. My Urologist tried pills and patches to alleviate these issues – to no avail. As a last resort, I was trialled for adding Botox to my bladder to lessen the Hypo activity, but alas, this proved to be unsuccessful. So Life Went On.

In late 2018 - It was then discovered that I had tonsil and throat Cancer.

I received 35 radiation treatments (plus Chemotherapy)

I spent 13 months of feeding only via a tube into my stomach, No solids, only liquid protein shakes.

The facial radiation resulted in mouth ulcers, lack of any hunger pains and destroyed my taste buds and the inability to swallow. During this period I lost 35kg of body weight.

Add this situation to my continual bladder issues, the loss of my long term job and the social isolation completed a 4 year Horror story. Continual trial of prescribed Pharmacy medicines has had no effect on the majority of my health issues.

I happened upon Cannabis edibles through an associate and immediately that night I slept for a little over six hours (the first time in nearly 4 years), My hunger returned, and my taste buds where reactivated. Something pharmaceuticals had not achieved.

I do not wish to do anything illegal (in Victoria) to obtain this natural medication and do not want to relocate somewhere (at my age) where these products are available.

I ask to Government to grant legalisation of Cannabis for numerous reasons:-

1. Continued research into pharmaceutical usage for the general public.
2. Decriminalise the personal usage of the plant.
3. Ability to grow plants – again for personal use.
4. Release inmates that were jailed for personal use and any suppliers that have been offering cannabinol products to aid the ill, sick or injured children and adults of our community.

Seeing evidence from Europe and America – Cannabis legalisation and trading has significantly stopped the Blackmarket while adding taxation benefits and increased income to government.

PLEASE VOTE FOR DECRIMINISATION OF CANNABIS.