

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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

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

Working in the health sector

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

The impact of a cannabis conviction

Select all that apply. Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :

Personal use of cannabis should be legal. ,Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. ,Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.,There should be no restrictions.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Children currently seem to have greater access to cannabis than to tobacco and alcohol, I'm thinking this is a direct result of its black market availability. It would seem nearly all Australians will use cannabis at some times during their life, which is no longer the case with tobacco and alcohol. I base this on my own and my children's experience navigating adolescence.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

It is quite clear the legal status of a drug has no impact on the user's decision / choice. I have never heard anyone say, "oh no I won't use that because it's illegal", at the point of purchase or use, the legality is irrelevant. People's decision on substance choice seems to be based on a "cost vs benefit" analysis based on the information or education (regardless of the source quality) and the legality has no effect in this decision. Given that almost all Australians will use cannabis recreationally at some time during their lives and the effect that a criminal conviction has for cannabis, use / possession, I'm convinced it's current legal status is doing far greater harm than good, and has no impact at all on its recreational use.

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