

## Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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

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

Individual

**Are there any additional themes we should consider?**

Safety of Cannabis Users. An unregulated Cannabis Market can not be controlled for safety.

**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.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### Submission:

The current model of prohibition is just like prohibition of alcohol. Around 100 years ago we were smart enough to understand that this would not work.

It amazes me that Governments continue with Prohibition when it creates more harms than the actual Drugs they are trying to protect us from.

Cannabis is one of the safest substances known to man and is considered non toxic. You can die faster by consuming too much water.

Prohibition or " The Drug war" is a war upon your people and especially your children.

You make it less safe for Children and young people by making Cannabis illegal.

There is no way to track who sold the cannabis to the Child or Teenager. If you sold it in Adult Coffee shop Style Establishments like the Netherlands there could be a Doorman checking ID. And A Cannabis Tender that could be a second safe guard against age limits. Labels on Cannabis would also Help and this could apply to anyone selling Cannabis they have grown at home.

Cannabis at the moment is also grown with all sorts of Horrible Pgrs. Hormones and pesticides. It is grown like this to produce weight with no thought given to quality or health.

Prohibition is causing Cannabis Smoking to be more dangerous than it initially was. This is not the outcome that they predicted. However it is the truth. People are consuming Dangerous Cannabis and you as a Government have no controls over this. Police don't stop drug dealing. They really just make the dealer change address as when someone gets jailed someone else will fill that spot for supply and you will eventually jail them as well. Then another and another and in the end, You just criminalizing normal people and creating drug dealers. If they supply was legal and they were licenced to sell they would just be normal people or a business again. Not locked up with Murderers and Rapists.

You could cover safety for Children safety for health and safety for the community as well as Health for users just by legalizing.

End the prohibition of Alcohol was a win. It was what was needed to be done. And Cannabis Prohibition needs to end now.

Back then you had Boozers =now users

Bback then you had Moonshiners=now Growers

Back then there was Runners=Now Dealers

Back then there was Al Capone and other such Characters= Now there is El Chappo Mr Nice and Drug Syndicates.

What also amazes me is to see Nederlands and the Cannabis Style Coffee shops work so awesomely well and they are actually well respected businesses in their communities. And yet we see that working better then our Drug War and we persist in Criminalizing Cannabis Users in Australia when in Nederlands you can walk into a shop and pick it up on your way home like milk and bread. Or like a 6 pack of beer.

Also why do you want to keep criminalizing your children? So they experimented with drugs. So what. The problem is not them experimenting. It is that you have allowed unsafe drugs to be sold to them for consumption. You should have a regulated market so at least you afford them this safety.

When I was addicted to Cannabis not being able to get it made my addiction worse. I would buy more to last longer and therefore have more Cannabis around and also have dedicated to smoke what I had so for a longer period I would be "Stoned" and in the end I would consume more because more was there.

Last but not least THC limits show a total misunderstanding of consumption of Cannabis. A person who smokes a higher percentage THC will usually smoke less Cannabis. So they may smoke one joint. If they are used to smoking one joint and their Cannabis is Strong say over 20 percent then limiting THC levels to 15 percent this person would then need 2 joints or one and a half to get the same effects. This makes them smoke more of the plant matter and less of the THC. And it is opposite of promoting Health. You want them to smoke less. Consuming less smoke is a good thing, especially for health.

A smarter thing would be to limit the amount of High Grade Cannabis one person can buy. So over 25 percent Cannabis you can only purchase 20 grams per person per week and/ or 10 grams of hash and concentrates.

Limiting strains to 15 percent is almost impossible and stupid.

I don't need to say anymore as that is beyond a plethora of reasons to legalise and regulate Cannabis, but Australia's Politicians can not see past their nose which is stuck up the next guys butt.

You all have known this for a long time and it is ridiculous you are bothering to get submissions and not just have it done. Even Thailand has legalised Cannabis. If we are less progressive then Thailand we are in trouble. Just call us closed minded short sighted Australia.

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:**

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Medicinal Cannabis Price. Cannabis Benefits scheme and The benefits of Full legalisation to the Economy considering present circumstances and if the Cost of Policing is justified anymore.

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Placing a limit on THC just makes high THC users smoke more plant matter to get the effects wanted. This is bad for their health. Burning more unnecessary plant matter into your lungs is stupid.

You can buy High Proof Alcohol why limit THC?

You also need too allow Meducal Users to Drive on Cannabis as you are allowed to drive in prescription opiates.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

I am a child of an Alcoholic. It is a legal recreational drug. My life was destroyed by something you all deem to be socially acceptable. You all grew up on it. There was Alcohol at Work lunches and at Meetings between Business Men. At every social gathering there is Alcohol. And a lot of the worlds industries are supported by Alcohol Consumption.

When I was a child I hated Alcohol. It stole my Dad and my Life from Me. I wanted to TIP it all out so they was not a Drop left anywhere. I hated Pubs. I thought they made my Dad drink it. I hated going to a restaurant with my Dad cause no matter how hard he tried he would end up Drunk and Embarassing me. Umagine How angry I was as a Kid at these people and places that served him. I hated Beer Companies and I hate Alcohol. I thought it was from the Devil. I asked My God as a 6 year old to Kill me. And Kill my Dad. So we both wouldn't have to have pain anymore.

When I got older(Which was a milestone just being alive) I to started to Drink.  
I would wake up after a good night out with Depression and Guilt. That I had touched the Devils Drink to blow off some steam like everyone else.

Then I started to really enjoy my Drinking. I wasn't yet 16 but I could hold my Liquor. I thought.

Then it started to give affects on me. And I started to be a fool. Fight. Cry Scream.  
I looked in the Mirror and saw my Father standing there. But it was me. U was the "Alcoholic" in the family maybe. And this just destroyed me Further. Was I to be strange and an outcast forever?

Then I found Cannabis. It was harmless how I first came into contact with it. It was at a Fishing Comp Booze up all the young people attended. 15 up to 30 year olds used to drink copious amounts under the guise of Fishing.

My Brothers Friend noticed I was unhappy and not Drinking. So He offered me a Bong to cheer up. I had one and then perched up on a Log and looked at some of the most beautiful stars I had ever seen. And I laid there later looking up. And realised I had never ever felt this unstressed in my life. I didn't know what was going on near me or care which was a first in my life as I was always ready for an attack.

Many people did stupid drunk things that night. I slept soundly in my tent and Happy. Didn't even finish my Drink.

What I realised is that I would smoke Cannabis instead of Alcohol because on Cannabis , I was not a fool or a bad guy and I definitely did not want to fight on it.

I realised my Dad never had a choice. You chose for him and it helped nothing. Had he had a choice like I decided to take, he may have not been such a Bad Alcohol.. At least he had a choice. I chose even though it was illegal. The benefits it gave me outweighed it being illegal.

I could continue but if you want more you contact me.

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