

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Because of medicinal cannabis Develop a test as used in breathalysers to show if one is (not) impaired to drive.

Select all that apply. Do you think there should 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., There should be no restrictions.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Have been an off on user of cannabis for decades first socially now mainly self medicating for pain management.

Being illegal makes me fear of being found out and convicted of a crime.

Prohibition never works rather education and safeguards are a better way to go.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Portugal decriminalised the personal possession of all drugs in 2001. This means that, while it is no longer a criminal offence to possess drugs for personal use, it is still an administrative violation, punishable by penalties such as fines or community service. The specific penalty to be applied is decided by 'Commissions for the Dissuasion of Drug Addiction', which are regional panels made up of legal, health and social work professionals.

Portugal's shift towards a more health-centred approach to drugs, as well as wider health and social policy changes, are equally, if not more, responsible for the positive changes observed. Drawing on the most up-to-date evidence, this briefing clarifies the extent of Portugal's achievement, and debunks some of the erroneous claims made about the country's innovative approach to drugs.

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