

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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Organisation Name:
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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, Education, Public health, Mental health, Social impacts, Young people and children, 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?

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. ,Other – please explain.

Cultivation for commercial use should be legal also, and taxed in the same was as cigarettes to cover the cost of Education on it's use, and smoking related illness.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I say this as someone who is not a drug user. I have never used Cannabis or Tobacco, I don't drink caffeine, I rarely drink Alcohol, however I believe it to be a fundamental right to choose the substances you put into your body (except certain Vaccines should be mandatory for the greater good)

Prohibition has failed to keep it out of the hands of young people. Education is the best tool to discourage its use.

There are negative health effects associated with cannabis use, however there are many positive effects associated with it's use as well, whether there is a severe underlying medical condition or not.

Above all, it fundamentally should be the right of the individual to have autonomy over what substances they do or don't put into their own body even if it is 'bad' for them. Why not ban Nicotine, Alcohol, Caffeine, Meat and Fatty/Sugary foods as well if we were puritans about only consuming 100% healthy substances?

I think that most drug users accept that there is an indirect cost associated with its use, and that indirect cost can be negated with a tax on commercial sales.

There is a vibrant black market of Cannabis cultivation worldwide, if commercial cultivation of Cannabis was legal in Victoria that would reduce the reliance on the Black Market and therefore stop criminal activity. This would also have an effect on other jurisdictions to show that sensible state regulated cultivation is not a bad thing and encourage other jurisdictions to follow, reducing the criminal activity originating from other jurisdictions as well.

I think that an often overlooked negative effect of Cannabis use is "Stoner culture" where some people are almost always high on Cannabis (Whether it is an 'addiction' in a drug dependence sense or an 'addition' in behavior in the same way someone is addicted to Diet Coke) and this leads them to have low productivity in society. I think that it's important to recognise that some people are always going to be "Stoners" whether it is legal or not so there is no point penalising everyone else for it. "Stoner culture" is something which can be addressed as part of an education/health campaign.

I don't think that any sane person would promote it's use to under 18s, however it is well known that old teenagers under like 18 like to try it. Again, I think that it's a matter of Education as supply can not really be stopped.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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