

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::

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Public Safety and all forms of health will be enhanced by the decriminalization of cannabis.The war on drugs has unacceptably high numbers of casualties.

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.,Other – please explain.

The only restrictions should be to protect minors.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Public safety, mental health, reduction of crime - all these will be enhanced by taking cannabis out of the 'war on drugs'- a war that has been an abject failure and caused death and misery. Sale of cannabis in a regulated market with similar warnings as apply to alcohol and tobacco is likely to lead in the long term to less use and more safety.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

I ask that our Parliament listen to the experts (including current and past police leadership) and look at what has been achieved in places like Portugal where all drugs have been decriminalised. Then look at the disaster in Mexico, the United States and to a great extent here in Australia where because drugs are illegal we have terrifying levels of organised crime. If we keep responding to these problems with the same solutions we can be sure we will get the same horrific outcomes.

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