

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria



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

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

It is my submission that to protect public health and public safety in relation to the use of cannabis in Victoria the cannabis market should be fully legalised and regulated.

This would minimise the harm that is currently being caused by police enforcement of our legal prohibitions.

It would decentralise wealth and employment opportunities away from the black market and criminal justice sector.

It would allow cannabis users to gain more control over the characteristics of the product and the method of their consumption. As cannabinoids interact with each individual's endocannabinoid system in a unique way such personal experimentation is necessary for to discover cannabis can have any positive impact on the issues an individual is seeking to address. Legislation that privileges profit making companies and doctors as the only trusted custodians of a substance has not prevented widespread opioid use for chronic pain management and subsequent addiction in our community. It is understandable that there are strong vested interests from with the criminal justice and pharma industries that seek to replicate this failed system with cannabis. But it is my belief that the community would benefit far more from a return to the framework adopted during the first 150 years of governments in Australia, when cannabis was actively supported as a crop by government policy.

I also believe the most effective way to prevent criminal activity relating to cannabis trade in Victoria is to legalise and regulate the market. Taxation of the product could then be used to address community concerns and implement harm minimisation strategies.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

FILE ATTACHMENTS

File1:

File2:

File3:

Signature:

