

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

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.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I am a simple family man whose main goals are to raise my children well, providing shelter, food, happiness and support.

I choose to smoke cannabis.

While others may down bottles of wine and beers or shots of tequila, I instead eat a brownie. Or take some capsules. Or vape some plant matter. I choose not to smoke as I believe this can hurt your lungs.

The people who drink alcohol can boast proudly how 'mum's deserve wine' or 'it's beer o'clock' while I have to remain in the shadows.

I have been previously approved to be a medicinal cannabis patient for anxiety but the costs are ridiculous. I could grow a years time supply for free but would have to spend upwards of \$5000 a year to medicate legally.

I am responsible. I have worked in the media and currently work in the legal department of an insurance company. I wanted to nominate as a candidate for the Legalise Cannabis QLD political party but fear of repercussions held me back. We exist in an environment where we cannot be honest because the penalties far outweigh the alleged crime.

What crime? To turn off my anxious mind for a few hours? To slow down and smile. To unclench my jaw as tension leaves my body. To connect with my children with a recaptured sense of wonder and mindfulness?

Although I am in Queensland, I am looking to Victoria to step further forward in doing what is right. This

plant is a gift and I sincerely think that without it I would not be here. I suffered with much pain before and after back surgery and was dosed to the hilt on opioid medication.

Honestly, there will be people who shouldn't use cannabis, just as there are people who shouldn't use alcohol. Addiction to both substances are real. But by moving Cannabis out of the criminal domain would mean we would have access to more information about what we are consuming and how strong it is (a glass of beer vs a glass of scotch is akin to a 5mg gummy bear Vs a 200mg cookie). Stop criminal elements stripping houses to grow indoors. Give people a job and a passion from retail through to growing it.

Thank you Victoria for doing the right thing

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

no

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