

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 health, Young people and children, Accessing and using cannabis, Mental health, Education, 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?

The unnecessary incarceration and application of criminal proceedings against at risk groups.

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.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

As a private and law abiding citizen, I am concerned at the level of incarceration which occurs due to cannabis use, cultivation and possession.

I wish this committee takes the time to seriously examine the effects the current law in the state of Victoria have on the criminal records of individuals. Particularly the records of people who identify as coming from ethnic or non-caucasian communities.

The committee should in detail examine not only the differences in drug sentencing between caucasian and non-caucasian groups, but also the negative flow on effects of punishing youths for these crimes and how it unnecessarily enters them into the court system from an early age.

I also seek the committee examine taxation of cannabis in Victoria, in order to develop another revenue stream, especially in the aftermath of the COVID-19 economic downturn.

Other jurisdictions have successfully set up industries around this drug, which is also permitted as legally safe in Victoria. I wish the committee evaluates the revenue streams and job creation from this in full detail.

Ultimately, I ask the committee to make full consideration about the shift in community values towards cannabis use.

Regards,

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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