

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, Education, Public health, Public safety, Mental health, Social impacts, 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?

The human rights issue of police strip searching people ought be considered. This is sexual assault. The police basically have a licence to break the law and sexually assault people by strip searching them. This is fundamentally unethical and immoral.

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:

About 1 in 3 people use cannabis at some stage in their life and in every other respect the vast majority of these people are law abiding citizens. They don't steal. They are not violent. They are decent human beings so why should they be criminalised just because they use cannabis?

Cannabis is a much safer drug than alcohol and the level of alcohol related violence is orders of magnitude greater than cannabis. If you maintain the criminal status of cannabis use then why not be consistent and also criminalise alcohol? In fact, why not make football, rugby and boxing illegal activities because there is plenty of medical evidence showing these kinds of contact sports actually cause life long brain damage through constant minor concussions. I'm just using these as examples to point out the blatant inconsistencies in the way the law works.

Besides which, a huge amount of police time is wasted in the prosecution of people for possession of cannabis not to mention the massive amount of time and expense which this places upon the entire judicial system.

The only people who can really benefit from maintaining the criminal status of cannabis are the large criminal syndicates which control the supply of most of the cannabis which is consumed. If the government was to legalise cannabis and have full control over the production and distribution of cannabis then this shall cut off a massive cash flow to the criminal drug syndicates, it shall free up a lot of police time, the judicial system and the courts can get on with the job of pursuing serious crimes and also the government can benefit from the tax income from legal sales of cannabis to people who want to use it. Legalising cannabis shall remove the ludicrous stigmatisation of people who recreationally use cannabis. Finally, if cannabis is not legalised then nothing will change. People will continue to use cannabis no mater what the government does. Drug use of all types has been going on in human society ever since the beginning of civilisation.

Recreational drug use from time to time is a fundamental part of who we are as human beings and all the

laws in the world are never going to change the way we are as human beings. The government ought drop this ideological fetish which it has for criminalising drug use and just accept that no laws shall change our fundamental desires as human beings. Human beings have always used recreational drugs and shall continue to use recreational drugs far off into the distant future no matter what laws the government brings in. Why can't the government simply stop being stubborn, become open minded and accept human nature for the way it is?

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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