

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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Organisation Name:

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

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

Individual

Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of cannabis? (select all that apply) :

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:

The best way to curb the illegal cannabis trade is to legalise, and regulate, the sale. This would funnel this cannabis through legal channels, ensuring safety for the users, and allow for the Government to implement tax onto the price, similarly to cigarettes, and generate money, rather than lose it arresting and prosecuting drug users. This could result in upwards of \$250 million of revenue, and that's conservatively only considering current users.

This would also assist in young peoples access to cannabis. As the illegal cannabis sale lessens due to the far easier and profitable route of legal sale, young people will have lots of trouble acquiring it. Now, of course kids will figure out a way, but that is inevitable. The point is that we would have far, far less kids getting their hands onto it.

I have a number of friends overseas in countries that have legalised cannabis and they all report that it helps them with anxiety and depression. We have an epidemic that started far before Coronavirus, and has only worsened because of it. Isolation and distancing ourselves from others has negatively impacted many of us (of course, the lockdowns were justified, it is an unfortunate side effect) and I can see cannabis as potentially helping large, large swathes of people in Australia suffering from mental illness.

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