

## Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

Organisation Name:N/A

Your Position/Title:

### 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::**

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

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

Individual

Specking for many and myself as I've smoked before and I know what I've submitted is very meaningful, and just simply because the opportunity was in front of me to have my say

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

Sale should remain illegal. 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:**

Hello.

There's a lot of mixed signals as to why cannabis is legal in Adelaide and recently up north way, but yet it's illegal in Victoria and the rest of the country. What ever happened to double standards in this world. I'm not always the best at explaining things but I'm not silly either so I'll do my best. We all watch current affairs etc and it's a proven fact that cannabis is known to have benefits if it's not abused by the user, which gives it a label as dangerous if they do. Moderation is the key. It's also common sense and safe to say that tobacco companies could go bust if cannabis was legal across the globe, but on the other hand it could become a multi billion dollar industry for government and tobacco companies not to mention reduce police resources by not needing to police it if it was legalised also helping the economy, and that's just to begin with. It's no hiding fact that cigarettes are the leading cause of deaths on a statistical level, and I just like others are completely mindful that there are a lot of dark area's surrounding the decision making on weather or not to legalise cannabis. If it was made globally legal and sold over the counter, in a controlled manor, think about the tax revenues that would be raised aiding in strengthening the economy, and could even create jobs, and would leave the government in a better place not to mention the people if we are to ever be faced with another scary recession. Like I mentioned before, I'm aware of there being dark area's surrounding this topic, like safe guarding minors and trust me, this is an important fact to myself also as I to have two kid's, but this is Australia and together we can achieve endless possibilities, and come up with solutions that could work in harmony. I'm going to take a minute to ball point some points off interest to help at the panel of decision makers.

> Save police resources some what.

> make thing's equal from state to state, and would have to help in stopping importing and exporting, with the bonus of saving somewhat money in border patrols.

> The proven health benefits if consumed with little to no tobacco, and taking into account that tobacco has more harmful chemicals than means the eye.

> I'd like to believe that if cannabis wasn't seen as illegal that in time people would reconsider using

dangerous methamphetamines, which even would help to lower crime rates even in the view of rising assault levels.

> people wouldn't illegally sell it, because why would they have to.

> in line with proven health benefits, it would help people not just with pain and joint suffering etc, but with depression related symptoms possible lowering the risk of suicide statistics.

> I believe that in time if it was legalised that a lot of useless shelved products found on pharmacy shelves, with or without a script, would slowly vanish, giving the public a benefit on its own in the view of saving money. Let's be real for a minute, we have all at some point in time have purchased a product of some kind where it did nothing.

> would give people incentive to quit smoking cigarettes for the dangerous chemical factors as mentioned etc.

> I'm sure that also in the view of saving police time that if people where to go clubbing only after smoking cannabis and not under the influence of methamphetamines, that there would be a lot less punch on's, meaning a lot less need for police to be called. Hell it could even help to slow down or hopefully stop cartel activities if there not selling there evil crap. In fact when people are arrested for methamphetamine offences didn't just get a slap on the wrist most of the time and given harsher disciplinary action measures, perhaps they wouldn't see the justice system at a joke. This is another issue by itself, because in all honesty most of the justice system needs to be re written. I'd like to mention also that I admire the work that goes into random r.b.t.s because saving life's is priceless and I'm sure there's a way to still test.

I could continue making ball point views, but overall nothing that I'm submitting is rocket science, it's plan common sense. I was born in 1979 but seriously, this day and age compared to back beyond the late 80's, I'm confidently sure that in the days of when hippy culture was large and cannabis was every where like it still is today, even with consideration of having an epidemic of high acid use back then, that on a history statistical level, crime rates must of been a lot lower, in fact I'm sure it was because I've watched the news more than once and heard a lot over my days, plus I have a pretty good memory. Where I'd it all go wrong people. I won't go on to much about corruption but it makes me wonder why we continue to have a high level of it, including police corruption etc but it makes one wonder.

Anyway, I'll start winding down with my submission even thoe I could continue some more, but as I've mentioned it's not rocket science, there are proven health benefits to marijuana, and with common sense law policys and safety practices, and most importantly making penalty very clear to the people that if you abuse the privilege and endanger ones life especially that of an innocent child, that they will be dealt with in accordance to the law and will feel the full force of the law including being black listed from even purchasing or growing out door cannabis. I mentioned growing yes, because why should adult Adelaide residents be allowed the privalage compared to other states and or countries.

It's worth even maybe mentioning that if a person has cannabis and violance abuse history to the level that they have served time that a different approach level should be followed and a permit should be applied for and if approved then the privilege may be granted or refused to posses and use cannabis, and that the use of cannabis should be done in doors and not on the streets. It's all respectfully common sense people, and economical logical etc.

So let's fairly legalise this naturally discovered weed for the better of good

For what it's worth

Thank you for this opportunity and I trust I will receive feed back to my email address supplied

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**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

