

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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Organisation Name:

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::

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

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

Individual

- Concerned and interested member of the public.
- Father of two children.
- Health care professional who has seen first hand over many years the damage done by failed drug policy.
- Recreational, medicinal and responsible user of Cannabis over much of my adult life whilst continuing to function at a high level in society, raising my children, studying for my career, working at the top of my profession, earning a wage, paying my taxes and not being the alcoholic I was fast becoming in my early twenties.

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:

To the members of the committee. Please find attached a letter I have written and sent to our Premier Dan Andrews and MP Fiona Patten on several occasions during the course of the pandemic.

I feel very strongly that Cannabis should be completely decriminalized and legalized with an almost identical model to alcohol with age restrictions, licensed dispensaries, farm gate experiences and the ability to grow ones own home grown supply without the possibility of running foul of the law.

The fact that OUR government criminalizes its citizen's for ingesting a medicinal plant that has evolved with man kind over millennia "otherwise we wouldn't have an actual endocannabinoid system with cannabis receptors" is abhorrent and a disgrace in this day and age. Let alone that this plant has been proven to be very beneficial and efficacious in many medical and psychological conditions. But more importantly has been shown to be safe with NO documented deaths world wide attributed to the effects of Cannabis.

All Cannabis is medicinal regardless of the reason for taking it !!!!

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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Signature:

LEGALISE CANNABIS, NOW IS THE TIME!!

Dear Daniel Andrews

My name is [REDACTED] I am an Intensive Care Nurse with 30 years as a front line practitioner in ICU. Firstly may I thank you for the way you are leading our great state through these trying times you are doing us all proud, keep up the good work and go you good thing.

I write to you at the midst of the COVID 19 world-wide pandemic regarding the decriminalization and legalisation of Cannabis in this troubled time. It is widely accepted that Cannabis has many medicinal and health benefits some of which are their antimicrobial, antibacterial, antiviral and anti-inflammatory properties. These benefits along with its many other effects including pain relief, relaxation of smooth muscles and bronchodilation would help to decrease the incidence and severity of a COVID 19 infections as it does with most conditions. In these troubled times and any times the community would benefit greatly by having unrestrained access to this valuable herbal medicine. I implore you to completely lift the prohibition of Cannabis as part of the state's emergency actions. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary actions that will benefit the people of Victoria greatly. We need to use every tool we have. Below is a list of some of the many benefits to the community apart from the significant roll it could play in mitigating the severity of the COVID19 crisis.

- Break the business model of the current criminal drug dealers and gangs.
- Stop **criminalizing** people, destroying lives and future opportunities for no good reason.
- Give us the opportunity to study and put in evidence based road laws around **impairment**.
- Help with a massive state **revenue** influx from the sale and distribution of this medicine.
- Allow people to grow and produce their **own** organic medicine at home without having to pay the current exorbitant prices for Medicinal Cannabis.
- Bring down the price of the current Cannabis medicines on the market.
- Cannabis is proven to help people break hard drug and alcohol addiction.
- Drastically reduce the damage done by the world most damaging drug (Alcohol) as many people would choose Cannabis over Alcohol as their drug of choice if they had that choice.
- The production of Cannabis and its sister plant Hemp would be great for the environment in many ways as it is a fast growing crop that sequesters CO2 and can replace many less efficient and environment destroying products. Fibre, food, fuels.
- Apart from being the right thing to do it would irritate the hell out of the federal Liberal government, which can only be a good thing.

This is a basic human right and it is about time that governments at all levels get out of the road and let the people have free access to this wonderful natural medicine and sometimes recreational drug. Regardless of reason for use "all Cannabis is medicinal" and it should not be illegal and should be available to all. **NOW IS THE TIME**

Keep up the good work and stay strong in these troubled times. I will be at work on the front line looking after our people in ICU.

Regards [REDACTED]