

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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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:

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

YOUR SUBMISSION

- a) The legalising and regulation of cannabis and cannabis products would allow the Victorian government to set its own, realistic approach to preventing young people and children from accessing materials which would be harmful, similar to the processes used by the government to restrict other substances like alcohol and tobacco from young people and children (if it's good enough for them, why not cannabis?)
- b) Public health and public safety are (as far as I'm aware) put at no greater risk from cannabis use than other substances which are currently legal for consumption in the state of Victoria, namely alcohol. If legitimate concern for public health and public safety from the use of cannabis is raised in comparison to alcohol, I would argue that similar measures which are enforced for alcohol could reasonably be expected to be implemented for cannabis (always keeping in mind the need to assess and iterate on systems to improve them).
- c) Yes, the dangers of drug use should be taught in an educational context. Key word there being educational, meaning science backed and not conjecture or fear-mongering. Furthermore, education on this matter should be legislated (if possible) to be set in the curriculum and not left to the interpretation / opinion of private education providers, ensuring consistent, quality messaging is maintained.
- d) There will always be criminal activity, but through a process of legalisation, amnesty and regulation the illicit trade of cannabis within the state of Victoria can reasonably be expected to reduce (and also may have flow-on effects to reduce other crimes related to current motivations for drug related crimes).
- e) The state government should fund studies in to the matters of public health, mental health, social impacts and other aspects of cannabis use and its effects on those who use it and their families, carers and society at large. This would permit the Victorian government to make the most informed decisions regarding policy and legislation on the matter.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Thanks for opening this up to the public! I hope there's some good outcomes from this. :)

Select all that apply.

Do you think there should there 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.