

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:

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

YOUR SUBMISSION

To whom it may concern,

I am making this submission as a fairly unremarkable person. I use cannabis once every few months in social settings much like you might have a few drinks with dinner. In spite of using an illegal drug, I am a successful person in my job, have a long term relationship and strong ties with family and friends.

I believe criminalising cannabis is no more productive than criminalising alcohol. The relationship a person has with either substance depends on the individual. By criminalising cannabis, all it does is isolate a person who needs help. Productive conversations often can't be had in normal life because of the stigma associated.

There is greater inherent risk in black markets as one criminal behaviour tends to get mixed up with others. There's also more value to society as a whole if an industry is regulated than if it is left to its own devices.

Kind regards,

Patrick

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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.