

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

YOUR SUBMISSION

The biggest win that is not often spoken about are the health benefits of legalised recreational cannabis. In Australia our purchase options are whatever is available from a dealer to smoke, no names of strains, no strengths, no option to avoid harsh chemicals etc. In the US and other legal locations, their stores and dispensaries sell edibles and oils etc. The availability of such products provides an ingestion option vastly healthier compared to smoking. This is my primary reason for wishing for legalisation. To aid the health of cannabis consumers.

A regulated and taxed cannabis industry seems to be the best way forward.

Prohibition has had little to no effect except for a blight on a user's life and work prospects when caught. Stigma surrounding usage can cause unnecessary secretive behaviour amongst families/friends/colleagues, creating social disruption and a lack of communication in rare cases where usage becomes problematic.

Regulating and taxing sales of recreational cannabis should help to move side-hustle small time herb dealers into a legal setting while providing funds for drug education and mental health services. Sales from dispensaries and head shops etc instantly remove the ability for youth to purchase as all dealerships would be 18+ just as with smoke shops and bottleshops etc.

In conjunction with a hemp industry. The job and revenue creation alone should move legalisation to the top of the legislation ranks! Would provide quite the boom for Victoria and cement our reputation for progressive policy compared to other states.

So so so many pros, i struggle to see the cons. Consumption will continue regardless. Why not enhance and save lives instead. time is now :)

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Select all that apply.

Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :

Personal use of cannabis should be decriminalised.

(Decriminalised: there are no criminal or civil penalties instead a person is referred to a drug diversion program or other health/ treatment service), Personal use of cannabis should be legal. Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.