

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:

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

Medical cannabis is the single most effective treatment I have experienced for pain management of my damaged hands. It is also exceptional as a general anti inflammatory treatment for other pain issues. I understand that it doesn't work as effectively for everyone but that should not justify it's current classification.

I am a non drinker and adverse to new age type medications, etc. When I first tried cbd oil, I did so reluctantly. This was an act of desperation as my pain was constant and would wake me up in the night. I now have a better understanding of the benefits of cannabis and am a convert.

I use legal cbd/thc oil which is doctor prescribed. Getting to the point of successfully receiving approval for a prescription is time consuming and expensive. I only went down this path because customs kept confiscating my cbd deliveries from the USA. To get around this, I had to send the deliveries to NSW and then drive interstate to collect the oil. This was a 10 hour round trip for 15mls of oil!

Part of the difficulty with accessing cannabis is the lack of understanding among general practitioners. I consulted several GP's, starting with my regular doctor. Only one of the doctors had any understanding of the benefits of cannabis. The other doctors were happy to admit that it was not a subject of which they had any knowledge.

The cbd/thc oil that is prescribed is more effective than the oil available from online sellers. For this reason, I believe that the cbd oil industry in Australia should retain a level of regulation to ensure the quality remains high.

I have also used a dry herb vape device with dry buds. This is even more effective than the oil and in my opinion far less dangerous than alcohol.

I have found no addictive qualities to cannabis and have to remind myself to keep taking it or I will forget. If I keep forgetting, I am reminded within a couple of days by chronic finger pain.

I do not think that cannabis should be illegal. But I also would not encourage anyone to use it unless they had a reason to do so. This is the same attitude that I have with other medications, such as paracetamol or sudafed.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

I would also like to see a sensible approach to policing cannabis use and driving vehicles. This should only be illegal if your driving ability is impaired while you are driving. You should not be punished for residual traces of cannabis that may have been from previous days or weeks.

Select all that apply.

Do you think there should there 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.