

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

Cannabis is one of the least harmful substances, both on an individual and a social level, especially when compared to legal substances such as alcohol, as can be seen in the graph I uploaded.

Cannabis also has proven medicinal qualities, if it were legalised in Australia (or Victoria) then it would be much easier for scientists to research it properly and create products based on their research (ie cannabidiol extracts that provide pain relief without the psychoactive component).

Legalising the consumption and sale of cannabis would also boost the Australian economy. Jobs are created in the plantations and dispensaries, revenue is increased in the economy and by extension more taxes.

On top of this, legalising cannabis would free up some police resources diverted to policing the use of cannabis as well as put a chokehold on illegal cannabis sales; if cannabis is legally available and regulated for safety (a lot of illegal cannabis is grown with harmful substances to increase the weight of it, making it more profitable to sell) then people wouldn't have the need to buy drug dealers.

One way or another people will get cannabis if they desire it, but if it's legalised then the government can keep tabs on it and the revenue goes to legitimate companies and the government through taxes, rather than criminals who undermine society.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Select all that apply.

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

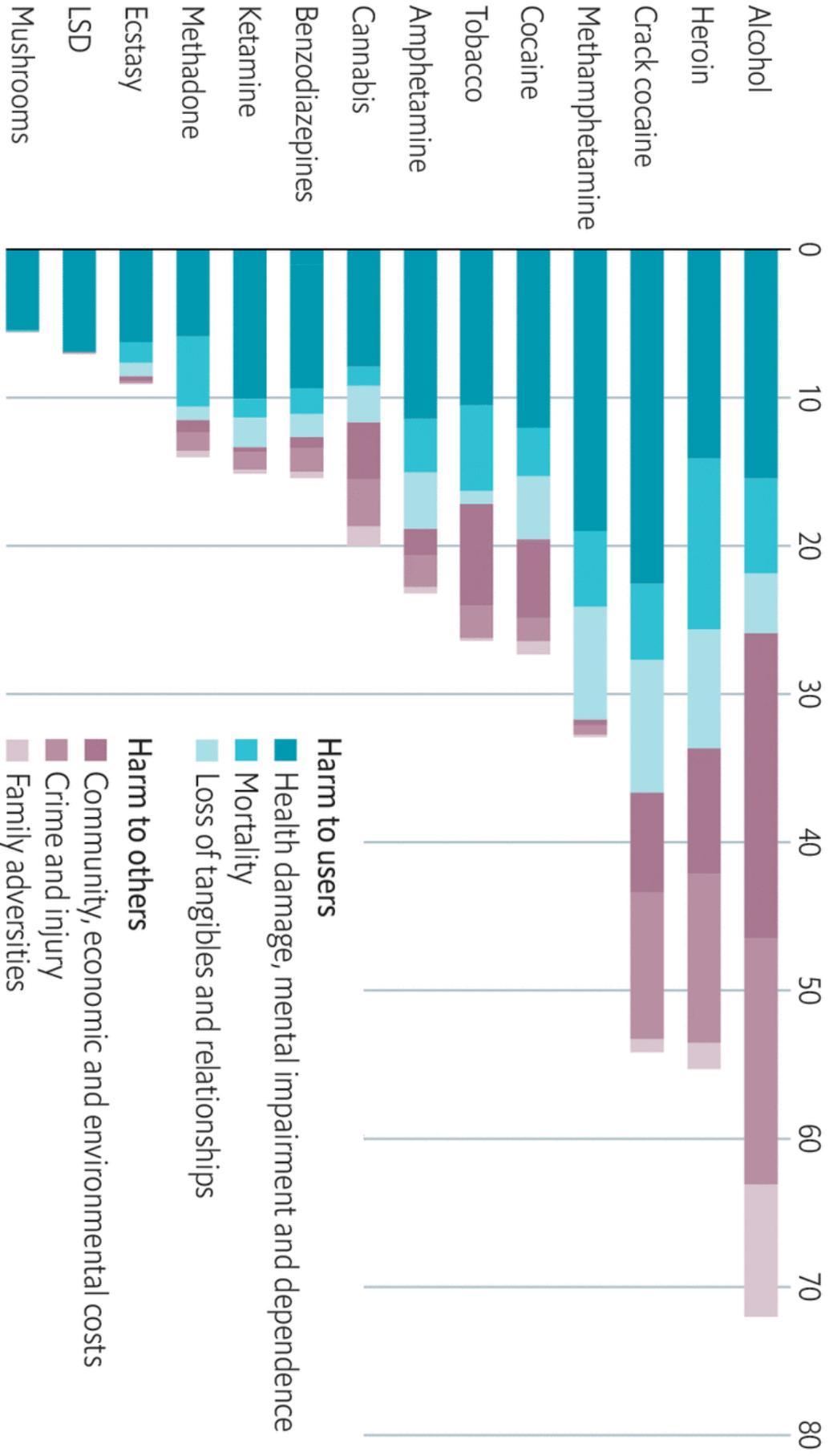
Personal use of cannabis should be legal. Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal. There should be no restrictions.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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Paying through the nose

Britain, drug harm score (out of 100), selected drugs, 2010



Source: "Drug harms in the UK: a multicriteria decision analysis", by D. Nutt et al., *The Lancet*

The Economist