

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria


Organisation Name:

Your position or role:

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

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

Individual, Academic and research, Working in the alcohol and drug services sector

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

YOUR SUBMISSION

Cannabis products including flowers, oils, sprays etc should be made available to all adults. This would ensure products are regulated and consumers can conduct research into the ratio of CBD:THC in order to best address their needs. This would ensure those seeking a pain management product can do so by sourcing a product higher in CBD, while those seeking a product to manage anxiety symptoms can source a product higher in THC, or with a 50:50 split. I would advise against any products that are 100% THC being legal. Adults should be able to access these products via stores similar to MedMen in California where ID is checked and entered into a database. Driving laws would have to change, similar to BAC levels being either acceptable or unacceptable. Anyone with a cannabis possession related charge would need to have those charges withdrawn from their criminal history, or released from jail if possession was their only charge. There is more than enough peer based evidence to suggest that CBD and or THC provide effective relief for pain management and anxiety symptoms. Similar to safe injecting rooms, legalising a substance does not make it more appealing to younger people, or those who have never considered using a substance. More over legalising these products and making their active ingredients transparent allows for consumers to make informed choices with decreased risk in comparison to purchasing a product off the street where the ratio of CBD:THC is unknown. Furthermore legalising and regulating cannabis would boost the economy so long as the government ensures pricing is more affordable than purchasing products off the street. These funds are much needed for the economy now more than ever.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Working in a dual diagnosis capacity means I regularly encounter clients who use substances to manage pain or symptoms of anxiety. Given that prescribed opioids can and do lead to accidental overdose and dependency it is an ineffective and unsafe option. Additionally, there is minimal evidence to support anti anxiety medication being effective, as such it is both disheartening and peculiar that the government have not yet enacted on providing access to CBD/THC products.

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.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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