

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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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, Public health, Public safety, Young people and children, Education, 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?

Financial benefits

YOUR SUBMISSION

(Personal background)

I'm an older ex service veteran with PTSD depression and anxiety, I have no history of illegal drug use, white male middle class the whole cliché disaster

From my own personal experience I believe that the only way to reduce the harm done by drugs in our community is to work on sane and reasoned harm reduction strategies.

This includes the decriminalization of cannabis for medical and recreational use.

There are so many reasons why this needs to be done and so few sane reasons against it.

I am also badly dyslexic and writing causes me distress I would far prefer to speak to the submission if that is at all possible.

I have seen the harm that illegal drugs do to individuals and the community, as a University staff member and as a Service man I saw the careers of young people ruined because of casual recreational drug use that ended in criminal charges and dismissal or jail.

I have seen how it's near impossible for researchers to access and experiment with cannabis and other drugs because of the strict criminal codes.

I have seen so many people hospitalised because of impure recreational drugs bought from criminals and supporting the criminal underworld activities.

As a volunteer firefighter I have seen properties destroyed and lives endangered by illegal growing houses or illegal drug labs.

Many of my fellow veterans grow and use their own cannabis but this means they become criminals because they want to treat the wounds they received during their service and they endanger their families and friends doing this.

The current system is simply insane and unsustainable under any assessment

It needs to change.

I don't consume cannabis myself, instead I drink alcohol in moderation.

I have never consumed cannabis in the past I have consumed excessive amounts of alcohol on far to many occasions.

The laws need to change and we need to accept that the war on drugs was never winnable, we knew this in the 1970s and we have been told this repeatedly for 50 years.

We know what we are doing now does not work, sane people would try something different and if that improves the outcomes.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

I would really like to speak to the committee either in person or via computer link

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.

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