

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

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

Public sector body

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Tax benefits

YOUR SUBMISSION

I think that we should look to the benefits that those states in America have experienced when they've decriminalized cannabis.

In the first month that recreational marijuana stores opened in Colorado, recreational sales exceeded \$US14 million and medical sales more than doubled that amount at \$US32.5 million. Since then, recreational sales have grown sharply while medical sales have remained roughly flat. In 2014, total annual recreational sales were \$US303 million, while medical sales totaled \$US380 million. By 2017, recreational sales had grown to almost \$US1.1 billion, and medical sales were almost \$US417 million. Thus, in 2017, combined marijuana sales in Colorado exceeded \$US1.5 billion.

Allowing for retail operations to sell the product would minimise the access to underage users, much like purchasing alcohol or tobacco nowadays.

It also diverts funds from criminal enterprise.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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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