

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:

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Regulations and Taxation incomes as a result of legalisation that could go into sectors that need the most attention.

I believe no source of Governmental income should be overlooked. The more money we have to improve public facilities and institutions, by

YOUR SUBMISSION

While I myself have not used Cannabis, I personally am not blind to either side of the titular argument.

Regardless of how the public has viewed Cannabis in the past, there are pressures from both sides. I sit firmly on the side of decriminalization, and even Legalisation of Cannabis. Victoria is an exceptionally progressive state, and I think a lot of us draw a distinct sense of pride from that. Which is why I think it's quote backwards that Cannabis usage in our state hasn't been reviewed before now.

I see it as being a potentially bountiful source of tax income, just like Tobacco and Alcohol products are, and in a way, possibly more profitable.

Decriminalization will do nothing to stop shadow economies from developing, as the sale of it would still remain illegal, and therefore people will find illegitimate ways to obtain it, which is why I believe nothing but full legalization and regulation just like Tobacco and Alcohol products to be the next best option.

Australians love to partake in our Booze and Smokes, and they're taxed like nothing else. Many studies and informed speculative pieces put the amount of tax garnered for the state government in Victoria well into the single-digit percentages. Adding a third high-profile, accessible recreational activity can, if done right, only increase this number significantly.

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.

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