

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Financial cost of law enforcement (10's of billions annually) and hypocrisy of alcohol and tobacco availability

YOUR SUBMISSION

Australian burden of disease study 2011.

Total burden from cannabis : 0.1% with 2.6 million users.

Total burden from alcohol : 4.6% with 18 million users.

Total burden from tobacco : 9% with 3.5 million users.

Per user alcohol creates 6x more burden than cannabis, and tobacco 50x more.

Total cost of the war on drugs is now \$155 billion annually Australia wide. 51% of drug related arrests are for cannabis.

Decriminalisation would save taxpayers tens of billions annually and legalisation would earn billions more.

Estimated jobs created from cannabis legalisation Australia wide based on jobs created in Colorado : 80,000.

Alcohol and tobacco have no medicinal uses.

Cannabis has dozens, and about 10% of cannabis users consume cannabis solely for medical purposes.

There is no justice in punishing cannabis users for making the more responsible decision to use a safer drug than alcohol or tobacco for recreational purposes, and certainly no justice in punishing cannabis users for using a safer drug than opioids to treat pain.

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