

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::

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Select all that apply. Do you think there should 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.,There should be no restrictions.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I believe that the current way in which cannabis is regulated in Victoria promotes the sale of cannabis by illegal and violent gangs and is therefore not in the best interest to the state as a whole. Cannabis is illegal however there is a large sector in the community which enjoys cannabis recreationally or are self medicating medical conditions. As there is no (legal) way in which to procure cannabis the gap in the market is filled by gangs and clandestine organised crime operations. These clandestine operations are responsible for violence and crime and the way in which cannabis is regulated promotes and funds their existence. If the government was to legalise the personal growing of cannabis or regulate, sell and tax cannabis sales there could be vast amounts of tax revenue taken out of the hands of criminals and put to better use in funding state and local government projects. The money raised could fund education programs to prevent kids accessing cannabis or raise awareness for mental health. This taxation model is working very well in Canada since they legalised cannabis recreationally across the country.

I believe this model is very important to consider at the moment as Australia is entering into a recession and we desperately need out of the box ideas to generate tax and stimulate the economy and I believe this is one of them.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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