

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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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:

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

use of cannabis testing to discriminate against people looking for work or driving etc

YOUR SUBMISSION

There is no legitimate reason for cannabis to be illegal in the first place. You happily permit alcohol to be on every corner, even though it is known to be a destructive drug personally, communally and medically. You also add extra taxes that discriminate by only really affecting the poorer folk. Same with tobacco. Known to cause medical issues, yet legal, and discriminatory taxed.

Yet a naturally occurring plant is illegal, even though it has been shown time and again to have numerous medical uses, is less toxic to the body than other legal drugs, is not lethal or deadly, and does not deserve to vilified the way it is.

People who consume cannabis products are not inherently bad. And yet people who consume cannabis products are targeted with discriminatory practices that criminalise them, cost them job opportunities, and even cost them in fines and lost licences. Not for being stoned, simply for using cannabis.

People are criminalised for possessing cannabis, or for growing it in their own backyard. This follows them and makes them look like criminals cos they have a record but didn't actually do anything wrong.

Cannabis and hemp as an industry are large and growing as more places legalise it again. We have the land, climate and skill set to implement both industries rapidly and effectively. You are literally costing this country money in misguided law enforcement and justice system activities, and also in lost income from 2 big multi-national industries. And yet you also support growing water intensive crops like cotton that are not efficient to grow here. And for what? To support foreign companies? No we need to start supporting ourselves again.

These industries could easily help form a strong springboard to recover our economy after the pandemic, as well as set us up for the future.

The governments criminalisation of cannabis and ridiculous legislation around medicinal cannabis and its ex-orbitant pricing and hard to get scripts is absolutely unnecessary, and even cruel. You stress out people who just want to medicate without opiates and other addictive and destructive pharmaceuticals. You stress out people who prefer a joint to a beer. You stress out people who aren't doing anything wrong. This is a mental health issue. And because so many are cannabis users, you are actually CREATING a public health and safety issue, because people are going to use cannabis whether you like it or not. Just because you may not be able to price and tax it like alcohol doesn't matter. Cos its not about you getting rich. It's about you doing your BLOODY JOB and serving the best interests of the people. And we know what is good for us, clearly more

than you do.

Ultimately there's really only one thing you need to consider.

What do the people who elected you want??

We want cannabis to be free as tomatoes. We deserve to have it free. And you actually have no right to deny us what is ours to choose. You are not doing us any favour, you are responsible for the problems. And you need to learn your place. Your place is to serve, not to dictate. You have been told by your people for 3 decades and more.

Its about time you listened and did as you were told.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

This is a waste of time. You already know what's needed and even the points you make in your submission completely miss the majority of the problem. Which is that you should never have made it illegal, and you have no right to penalise us for something that is natural, grows in the garden, and is worlds away from alcohol which is legal and yet destructive to the entire community.

You will solve all the problems by legalising, with the only regulations being a) cant sell to children under 18 minimum, b) cant sell unless you're registered to do so, and c) you can grow your own and produce your own extracts for personal use.

Do these things, and everytbing you want to address will be covered.

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. Other – please explain.