

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Economy stimulation. Reduction of burdens on law enforcement and courts

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.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

If the aim is to prevent young people in Victoria from accessing cannabis, take the industry into storefronts and out of the drug dealers hands. The current situation doesn't discriminate against age and does take advantage that there aren't many options for obtaining cannabis. Regulating the product similarly to alcohol is a very effective way to restrict the sale to those age appropriate.

When considering public health and public safety in relation to the use of cannabis in Victoria;

Selling in stores with a similar restriction type sale and training to alcohol will prevent the underaged buying.

The implementation of health education campaigns and programs need to target people of all ages. Adults need to learn the benefits and dangers of cannabis consumption and young adults need to learn the dangers and disruptions consumption of cannabis can have on growth and development. A helpline or information centre to provide assistance for people who have dependency issues may also assist.

Decriminalisation of cannabis will help a lot of current societal problems;

It will help defund criminal organisations.

Help regulate the product in terms of quality, access, dangers and mental health issues associated with buying and consuming illegally.

People that would otherwise not be considered criminal aside from the possession and consumption of cannabis will ease their own mental health issues and not waste law enforcement resources.

There are people that feel the benefits of cannabis consumption already far outweigh the negatives and actively consume it whilst being illegal. A lot of people feel consumption of cannabis in some ways is safer than alcohol or tobacco.

Legalising cannabis for recreational purposes will help take pressures off a lot of people in the sense that the people already consuming will no longer be doing the wrong thing. It will also provide more opportunity for variety in the industry and keep prices competitive for those that require medicinal cannabis. There is a

potential for the industry to employ large amounts of people in terms of production, transport and logistics, University or TAFE programs, sales and distribution etc. Legalising cannabis could boost the economy whilst reducing the costs of people being arrested and going through court processing and all of the associated costs (financial and labels of criminality) There is also a potential to defund criminal networks.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

After seeing how legalisation of cannabis hasn't done any damage to Canada, and with the ACT following suit. I can't see why Victoria want to remain behind the times in yet another industry.

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