

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::

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

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.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I do not believe people should be punished for victimless crimes, and that includes drug use. We should instead discriminate by levels of harm to the individual:

Is their wellbeing increased by the drug use (medical or therapeutic reasons)?

Is their wellbeing largely unaffected by the drug use (recreational)?

Is their wellbeing somewhat affected by the drug use (such as inhaling smoke or poor hygiene)?

Is their wellbeing severely affected by the drug use (addiction, psychosis, or use by a child)?

Those who are somewhat affected should be passively targeted with education as we do with information about alcohol abuse, cigarettes, and gambling.

Those experiencing addiction, psychosis, or children using drugs can be addressed by social workers and mental health professionals, with police support if required to provide safety. We have proven efficacy of community support programs.

Forceful and legislative intervention should be saved for occasions one's use brings harm to others, such as a parent neglecting their duties or crimes committed to attain drugs.

We cannot call ourselves ethical citizens if we do not work to break the cycle of poverty, rather than perpetuate it with charges and fines that break families and livelihoods apart.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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