

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

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:

Having known many cannabis users over my lifetime, I have seen many examples of the beneficial effects of responsible self-use, and relatively very little in the way of detrimental addiction. Cannabis is simply not as hazardous or addictive as current law warrants, particularly in comparison to its benefits for medical use and mental health.

For term (d), legalising and regulating cannabis will no doubt reduce criminal activity around cannabis significantly. For (a), regulation can restrict the sale to young people, much as the sale of alcohol is currently restricted. The illegal trade will diminish significantly, making access for young people more difficult than it currently is.

For (b), (c) and (e), education campaigns and schooling should complement legalisation to inform young people of the potential dangers of this substance for developing minds, and encourage responsible self-control and recognition of abuse in one's self and others should it occur, as almost any desirable activity has potential for this (such as video games, alcohol, etc) if used as a means to avoid other issues in one's life.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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