

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::

Accessing and using cannabis,Criminal activity,Public health,Education,Public safety,Mental health,Social impacts,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 legal. ,Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. ,Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

There is mountains of evidence that the "war on drugs" is a colossal failure and something future generations will see as barbaric as we see things now like slavery. Cannabis is a safer drug then other currently legal drugs (nicotine, alcohol etc) and it has medical qualities. Yes, it can be abused but so can anything and that is why proper education about it's use should be taught, just like we do with what is currently legal. I would like to also offer suggestions for each part of the submission:

a) prevent young people and children from accessing and using cannabis in Victoria;

Currently it is easier to access cannabis as a minor then it is to access legal substances. This is because the legal market is well regulated and you don't have people on "the street" trying to sell alcohol to kids. Legalisation would make it harder for kids to access cannabis.

b) protect public health and public safety in relation to the use of cannabis in Victoria;

Ask any paramedic what causes the most ER visits and I highly doubt you will ever hear one mention cannabis. You cannot overdose on cannabis, that is a fact. You are also less likely to be dangerous on it compared to other substances, including alcohol. I spent some time in Amsterdam and I honestly felt safer there then in Victoria, cannabis is everywhere in Amsterdam.

c) implement health education campaigns and programs to ensure children and young people are aware of the dangers of drug use, in particular, cannabis use;

I support this, as long as it gives kids facts and doesn't teach abstinence as the only method for dealing with drugs.

d) prevent criminal activity relating to the illegal cannabis trade in Victoria;

Once legalised I support this just as I would support banning any kind of black market trade for any other legal commodity.

e) assess the health, mental health, and social impacts of cannabis use on people who use cannabis, their families and carers;

Sure, as long as you include employed people like myself and don't just pick people from low social economical areas that the system has let down and blame drugs for the state they are in.

To conclude, I fully support the legalisation and regulation of Cannabis. People should also be able to grow their own should they choose to do so as well.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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