

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::

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

drug reform should be considered a health issue, not a legal one. causing individuals with drug addiction, or recreational use on continues to push the Victoria as a Police state narrative which is impossible to police, let alone abide when there is corruption, and industrial scale criminal drug trade occurring every day.

legalisation of prohibited substances such as cannabis should be controlled, taxed, and the gains from taxation should be invested back into the community in an effort to reduce individuals potentially consuming higher risk drugs.

we have seen the damage of prohibition for too long. individuals do not need protection from themselves, they need protection from government regulated alcohol and gaming venues who seek to send them destitute or to an early grave.

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. , Other – please explain.

i would like to see a move to either the South Australian model, or Netherlands (or California, Colorado, Nevada) model if we chose the taxation and regulation route.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

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

Prevention of Children Accessing controlled substances can be managed effectively via a Netherlands style model, where there are restrictions on the locations and quantity, and proof of age requirements at any Cannabis vendors. there would still be applicable fines for those found supplying to a minor the same as for alcohol/tobacco

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

This would be the same means as expected today for Alcohol use in public, with far less extreme outcomes

for those who abuse cannabis in the same way as alcohol.

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;

in the same way as i learnt "Harm Minimisation" strategies at victoria public schools, this is again simple education programs, targeted to the most at risk individuals/social groups.

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

Legalisation, taxation and regulation, would overall reduce the current illegal trade occurring without any of the benefits of taxation and regulation which can control poor quality, high risk substances getting into the community and causing harm (see fake cannabis/bath salts from several years ago) with the massive benefit of potential Millions in state tax revenue to the benefit of the entire State of Victoria.

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

I feel the above has been well understood, assessed and known within the Medical and Mental health community within Victoria. i am accepting of further and ongoing research into the effects of legalisation of cannabis in victoria, funded from the legal sale of cannabis in Victoria.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

If Melbourne, nee Victoria is to retain any bastion of being the forward thinking, metropolitan and regional creative heart of Australia we need to start leading, not lagging like other states, towards an open, honest and caring conversation over the puritanical hangover we've been living under since the 1900s.

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