

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::

Mental health, Social impacts, Criminal activity, Accessing and using cannabis, Education, Public health, Public safety, 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 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 wish for cannabis to be legal in Victoria. I believe if we decriminalise cannabis, it'll make cannabis an easy subject to talk about and I believe that a majority of our prisons will have fewer inmates. I believe that it'll help a lot of people who have mental health issues access it better, and it can help the education of future use. In Colorado, they made \$247 million in 2017 from collecting taxes, fees and licencing costs. We could put that many back into schools, into education, into whatever the Victorian Government chooses. In 2019, they made \$302 million (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/revenue/colorado-marijuana-tax-data>); I would love to see what the VicGov could do with that kind of income. There's also such a thing called Drug Tourism where people visit these towns and cities because of how accessible drug use is, Amsterdam is one city that comes to mind who has a very liberal view on drugs, specifically Cannabis. They have places called coffeeshops (which are just a place to smoke weed in public-ish), and due to how much tourism Amsterdam creates, it would create a lot of income for the Victoria Government, as well as more retail jobs - especially in the current Covid pandemic.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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Signature:

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