

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, Mental health, Public health, Criminal activity, Young people and children, Education, 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?

Please consider the economic impacts of failing to decriminalise and regulate cannabis and cannabis products. Our country is in an unprecedented time of economic upheaval, and to deny Australians from any potential source of tax revenue is short sighted.

Select all that apply. Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :

Use of cannabis should remain legal for medical treatment only. , 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 am a 25 year old male living in the northern suburbs of Melbourne. I lost my mother in January of 2015 at the age of 19.

At that time, I assumed responsibility for my household. I dropped out of university, found immediate employment and began to work in order to pay the bills and to put food on the table.

Needless to say, my mental health was not a priority at this time. I found myself sinking progressively deeper into depression, and even harboured suicidal thoughts. I had trouble sleeping. I wasn't eating.

Cannabis use is the only thing I have found that allows me to regulate my sleep schedule, my appetite and my mental health. It is not something that I use recreationally, but as a crutch that enables me to live a happy and ordinary life, free of anxiety and daily stress. I

In fact, my only source of stress in life stems from my inability to find a regular and trustworthy supply of cannabis, and my fear that I may be fined or even jailed for purchasing and using a substance which I do not believe is causing myself or any of my associates harm.

I hope that you will consider a stance which is both progressive and open minded, and I trust this decision is

safe in the hands of those who will truly consider both the potential benefits and consequences of both sides of this very complex and relevant topic.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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