

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::

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

further funding/testing to determine when people are under the influence whilst driving. similar to alcohol testing. It should be up to the individual if they what to use cannabis but the effects it has on other should be considered. Also the tax benefits of cannabis should be publicised. The large increase in tax revenue would only help the community not hinder.

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., There should be no restrictions.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

<https://budherd.com.au/articles/submission-inquiry-into-the-use-of-cannabis-in-victoria>

I would like to start off by say that I do believe that cannabis should be legal for adults (18 and over) in Victoria. Legal to own, buy, sell and grow. I believe that the effects should be clearly advertised and the products that are sold should be taxed. I believe that the tax generated from the sale of cannabis would be a huge benefit to the Victorian people and would be extremely helpful and less of a hindrance on society. I believe that the side effects should be studied in depth to better understand the effects on the human body, both short term and long term. I have answered in short to the terms of reference below. Please take my opinion into consideration whilst making your decision.

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

I do believe that (just the same as alcohol and tobacco) there should be systems put in place to prevent young people and children from accessing cannabis. There should be the same level of awareness, detailing the effects of single use single and long term use.

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

Once again I think that awareness is key to keeping everyone safe, the use and the general public. The effects should be advertised and the same as drink driving campaigns, it should be made clean that driving

whilst high is extremely dangerous.

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 strongly agree.

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

I believe that the legalisation would limit the illegal trade significantly. If implemented right, this would take huge sums of money that is currently not being tax and put it back into society, contributing to more schools, hospitals, police, nurses, doctors, teachers etc. I think this is a main point that really needs to be emphasized.

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

Mental health is important to me, and I believe that it should be clearly noted any and all side effects that impact the body should be advertised.

I would like to note that the main point should be the increased tax revenue will bring more money into the economy to help fund schools, hospitals, public servants etc. it will help the community in more ways than it will hurt. The first and last point should be the facts. They should be presented clearly and precisely. At the end of the day it should only be legalised if the facts prove that it will be a benefit and not a burden. But I believe that this is the case and it will be a celebration when cannabis is legalised not only in Victoria but Australia as a whole.

Kind regards

Samuel Wilkinson

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

More advertising at this stage. People should be able to have their say earlier, before it's too late, regardless whether they are for or against the use of cannabis.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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File2:

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Signature:

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