

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Potential commercial opportunities

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:

If we want to protect our children from cannabis then we should legalise tax and regulate it. Creating not only an economic opportunity for private companies and tax revenue but eliminating the market for criminal suppliers that are not regulated and will sell to anyone.

This would also increase social knowledge of cannabis, people would have good information instead of relying on gossip and hearsay.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Bringing the cannabis trade out of the dark and into the light can only improve matters. The trouble with much of the previous fear mongering around cannabis is that it did not ring true and young people quickly discarded all public health information on the topic when they realised it was exaggerated and misleading. If we want to educate young people we must have their trust and this can only be done with honest open communication about the real risks and benefits, much like we should be doing with alcohol education and debate.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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