

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Economic conditions. The amount of revenue raised from taxing would be helpful for the upcoming budget deficits due to the pandemic.

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

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. , Other – please explain.

Needs to be tight regulation on the production process to ensure safety for consumers.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

The National Drug Survey 2019 (1) shows now that more people in Australia are in favour of legalisation than against. Understandably this is at a federal level but the trend of people wanting legalisation is going up every year and this should be addressed.

Furthermore, because of the COVID-19 pandemic our state and country are in a desperate need for funds and jobs. Using Colorado (2) as an example shows the potential for revenue to be raised with the legalised sale and taxation of marijuana.

The UN's World Drug Report 2019 (3) estimates that 10% of Australians use marijuana. I personally feel this number is a lot lower than it actually is but even 10% is extremely high considering its legal status. I believe it's time to face the fact that criminalisation has failed and this revenue is going into the hands of the underworld instead of to the good of the public.

(1) <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/illicit-use-of-drugs/national-drug-strategy-household-survey-2019/contents/table-of-contents>

(2) <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/revenue/colorado-marijuana-tax-data>

(3) https://wdr.unodc.org/wdr2019/prelaunch/WDR19_Booklet_5_CANNABIS_HALLUCINOGENS.pdf

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Working with the Help End Marijuana Prohibition (HEMP) party to legalise recreational use of marijuana would be my recommendation for the most legitimate activist party.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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File2:

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Signature:

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