

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::

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

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:

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

Between 2017-2018 the ACIC reported[10] a total of 66,296 consumer cannabis related arrests in Australia. By allowing personal use and cultivation, we will be able to keep consumers out of the criminal justice system. This will prevent life long criminal implications on medicinal and recreational users, and reduce the burden on prisons and courts.

Reduce illegal trade

As more cannabis products appear on the legal Australian market, product prices will become more competitive for consumers. By reducing the demand for cannabis products in the black market, illegal trade could potentially be minimised.

Legal medical access for patients

As mentioned previously - based on a report by the University of Sydney[11], less than 3% of medical cannabis users sourced cannabis legally.

Legalising medical cannabis and having more readily available products would ensure patients do not risk breaking the law to source treatment for their ailments.

Criminal penalties

The following restrictions should remain upon legalisation to govern cannabis related criminal activities:

Growing commercial quantities

Possession of commercial quantities

Selling and distribution without a license

Selling and distribution to minors

Restricted manufacturing practices (packaging, banned delivery methods, using illicit materials)

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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