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

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:
The current status of cannabis as an illegal drug is not acting as a deterrent to its widespread use in the community; instead, that illegality is forcing people who want to use it into interactions with organised crime and unscrupulous individuals where transactions are made outside the law.

The proceeds of this commerce is neither regulated nor taxed and only reinforce an underground economy and support organised crime.

This situation also endangers vulnerable members of the community by not giving them a legal channel to purchase cannabis without needing to interact with people operating outside the law. It should be possible to connect them to support services so they can manage and understand their use of the drug.

I strongly believe that cannabis should be legal but regulated and implore the government to make legislative changes to that end.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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File2:
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Ben Golding