

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,Public health,Public safety,Criminal activity,Education,Mental health,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? :

Use of cannabis should remain legal for medical treatment only. ,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:

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

The existing black market provides youths with greater access to cannabis (and other controlled substances). Regulation and sale through licensed premises can ensure age restrictions are upheld. As a society a transparent conversation free of stigma and generalisation on the impact of various classes of drugs can allow youths to be more well informed about their decisions where historically all risks may be discounted when not found to be true in first hand experience with other substances.

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

The stigmatisation of cannabis use driven by it's illegal status can prevent many who use it in a problematic way to not seek help addressing their challenges.

c. prevent criminal activity relating to the illegal cannabis trade in Victoria;

A recent example of how an illegal status can drive criminal activity can be found in South Africa following the banning of Alcohol and Cigarettes. Within days criminal enterprises had been established to profit from the market demand.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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