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Subject: Pill testing should be implemented.

RE: INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM

Pill testing should be implemented.

Drug use does not discriminate, and it holds a systemic position within our society. Considering this, it's unreasonable to maintain the perception that drug-use will just stop because the government wants it to. The current legislation is no longer effective, and every festival season headlines are hit with the tragic revelation of deaths either caused by or influenced by the consumption of dangerously produced and un-monitored recreational drugs. It's hard to deny that the stigma associated with drug use influences the way that such occurrences are reported, however ignoring the fact that Australia has a culture that is heavily dictated by the party lifestyle is equally as hard to deny. From a health perspective, given that drug use is a health based issue rather than a criminal one, pill testing would enable Australians to safely take drugs with the knowledge that what they are taking is safe and will not harm them. Pill-testing is proving widely successful in other nations. Do the Australian's maintaining an opposing stance towards pill-testing really value the criminality of recreational drug use over the health and lives of Australians?

-- Stephanie Elder


I'm happy for my submission and details to be made public.