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RE: INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM

Legalize Pill Testing

I have experienced first-hand the prevalence of party drugs in Melbourne's culture. Whether it is at night clubs, music festivals, house parties, or other scenes, people of all ages are engaging in drug use. The culture surrounding party drugs is often taboo and these drugs are usually illegal, fueling an underground market for the substances. While some drug users may find safe and trustworthy sources, the majority of this market is governed by anonymous sources. Anonymity is crucial for these individuals to avoid legal repercussions, but it makes it difficult for the drug buyers and users to decipher a safe source. Some might say abstinence is the only way to stay safe, but it would be ignorant to assume that the entire population will abstain from these practices. In order to help keep people that use party drugs (and are going to use these drugs regardless) as safe as possible, we need to make pill and drug testing legal and accessible for the public. When sources are unknown, proper pill testing can help party drug users make informed decisions about the drugs that they are taking and help them to avoid highly dangerous chemicals that could be present in these drugs. In my opinion, there is nothing to lose from pill testing and everything to lose from banning it.

-- Marelle Davey


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