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RE: INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM

The danger of illicit drugs is enormous

Illicit drug taking in our community has an extreme human toll. People who take drugs are taking an enormous gamble. Most of these drugs are manufactured by people who don't know what they are doing.

I am a mother of a daughter who got into drugs. She suffered life changing effects from her drug taking years. After only a few years on a variety of illicit drugs she now has permanent brain damage. She now lives as a young woman with an intellectual disability. She has a very low quality of life and she is given so little care by the system.

I could not stop her taking drugs. The laws were insufficient to deter her and to get the drug dealers off the street. Drug dealers do not care what they sell and have no concern for the young people who take the drugs. Its just about them making money.

I later worked in a women only rehabilitation facility as a nurse and saw first hand, again, how damaging drug taking is to the victims. It takes mothers from their children, breaks up families. It destroys on the deepest level someones personality. It limits their ability to make rational decisions and changes who they are for life..

People that take drugs need our help and support. Pill testing measures will ensure that someone will be able to intervene and possibly save a life.

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