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RE: INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM

Inquiry Into Illegal Drugs

Dear Members of the Inquiry

There is world-wide evidence that the use of illegal drugs is increasing and is directly adversely affecting societies. Laws enforcing action and penalties against illegal use and handling of drugs have the effects of creating criminals, exacerbating the problems and costing a lot of money. In the few countries where drug use has been decriminalised there is evidence that decriminalisation results in decreased drug use, fewer people becoming criminals and lower cost to the governments.

Humans have been using drugs for a very long time in all known civilisations, and will continue to do so irrespective of legislation. Drug use will always cause social problems. Ensuring that provision of drugs is the province of legitimate entities and not criminals will help minimise the problems. Addressing the effects of drugs and rehabilitating drug addicts will also reduce the problems.

Sincerely

-- Graeme Lindenmayer



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