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RE: INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM


SUBMISSION TO DRUGS INQUIRY

It has been obvious for the past 20 years at least that the 'war on drugs' is counterproductive.

For about that time a Safe Injecting Room has been functioning in Kings Cross - saving thousands of lives and getting lots of people off drugs and not sending any of the bad messages that its detractors predicted. Yet it is still the only one in Australia. And the evidence of overseas progress in harm reduction is generally ignored.

Harm reduction - and dealing with the problems of the addicted as health problems rather than as law-enforcement problems - is the obvious way to go. Yet the majority of our politicians seem blind and deaf to the evidence, and determined to exploit any courageous championship of the harm-reduction approach (e.g. that by the Greens) as an opportunity to gain political advantage through misrepresentation.

This deadly, irresponsible nonsense has got to stop.

-- Colin Smith


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