

Media release

Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Submissions sought for cannabis bill inquiry

A parliamentary committee is seeking public submissions as it considers a bill to decriminalise the personal use of cannabis in Victoria.

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee is reviewing the <u>Drugs</u>, <u>Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Regulation of Personal Adult Use of</u> <u>Cannabis) Bill 2023</u>.

It seeks to make it lawful for an adult to possess small quantities of cannabis for personal use and for an adult to cultivate no more than six cannabis plants for personal use.

It would also permit an adult lawfully in possession of cannabis to give the cannabis by way of a gift to another adult and for other purposes.

The Upper House probe is also looking at the impacts of the Australian Capital Territory's decriminalisation of the personal use of cannabis.

Individuals and organisations with views on the content of the Bill can make a submission online until Friday 13 December 2024.

The Committee will hold public hearings early next year and produce a report by 18 March 2025.

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