

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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Organisation Name:
Your position or role:

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Drag the statements below to reorder them. In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria to consider::

Accessing and using cannabis,Public health,Criminal activity,Young people and children,Social impacts,Public safety,Mental health,Education

What best describes your interest in our Inquiry? (select all that apply) :

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Environment, economy

Select all that apply. Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :

Personal use of cannabis should be decriminalised.

(Decriminalised: there are no criminal or civil penalties instead a person is referred to a drug diversion program or other health/ treatment service),Personal use of cannabis should be legal. ,Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. ,Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I am a member of Legalise Cannabis Queensland, I suffer chronic pain, as does my mother, father and grandmother. I have seen my aunties go through chemo, friends too, and it terrifies me that none of them were offered the alternative treatments such as those Peter Mac provide, it was straight into chemical treatment. My mother in law lost her husband recently, and was offered, I quote, "whatever you need, I'll provide a script, just let me know, it helps sometimes just to get the sleep and get through the day." My cousin lost her partner 6 years ago, and also was told something similar - It's not a new thing for doctors to write scripts for "whatever you need," but as soon as you ask about cannabis the tone changes to disgusting and all cards are off the table, I have been told I'm a "junkie" when asking for CBD from Pain Clinic speciallists, terrified out of my mind I have not bothered asking questions since, even from doctors that claim to be supportive and trained in Cannabis medicine.

I truly believe we need to regulate this untapped resource, for the environmental, social, industrial, economic and frankly human rights issues it's illegal status brings.

Thank you for this enquiry, I pray the decision is positive for Victoria and the rest of our states to follow, and not in ACT's lead but a much more appropriately regulated, federally passed fashion.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Thank you.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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Signature:

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