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

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

Public sector body, Academic and research, Advocacy body, Working in the health sector, Working in the criminal or social justice sector, Working in law enforcement

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

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:

Is it not strange that Cigarettes and vapes are legal and they are either known to be deadly or have not been research enough in the case of vapes. Yet Cannabis is well researched and found to have highly beneficial medicinal uses but it is illegal. Wouldn't legalization bring in enormous revenue, reduce pressure on our prison system and reducing the chance the offender becomes a professional criminal.

The obvious and clear appears to have been completely ignored in favor of protecting the income of Nicotine dealers and private prisons.

Regulation would also reduce the harmful risks of the drug, nothing can reduce the risk completely, it would be naive to say otherwise. Pharmaceutical drugs purchased at the chemist can be deadly for example. We must treat Australians like they are adults and responsible even when some may not act like it, I am confident the majority can rise to a high level of expectations.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Lets keep it civil.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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Signature:

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