

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

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

Individual

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:

Studies on the use of cannabis indicate that it is one of the least harmful drugs available. To that end, there is far too high of a disparity between the extent of police enforcement and individual/public harm caused by recreational use. Allowing for a regulated market and recreational use of cannabis is the correct move to take money out of the hands of criminals, keep police focused on legitimate public health/security issues, and allow legitimate use of a low harm substance by those who wish to use it. No doubt public education should be included in this message as to the legitimate harms of overuse, as well as messages regarding effects on young people, however these should be treated no differently than messages and education on alcohol.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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