

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

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.,There should be no restrictions.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

a) Legalise cannabis sales for adults (21 years and over)

By legalising the sales of cannabis for adults, it would reduce the risk for adolescents by:

Enforcing proof of age at the point of sale

Preventing purchases from unknown / unsafe sources by shifting control out of the black market

Increasing general awareness of cannabis and associated side-effects.

Severe penalties should apply for anyone supplying or selling cannabis to a person under the age of 21.

c) Education and public awareness campaigns should be considered to inform Australians on the effects and risks associated with cannabis use.

A report conducted post cannabis legalisation in Denver, United States[9] provided some insight into a successful cannabis education campaign. The findings showed 75% of the teenage respondents were discouraged from using cannabis after being exposed to the campaign.

The following topics should be covered for youth education:

History of cannabis

Cannabinoids (THC vs CBD, ECS)

Physical and mental effects of cannabis

Common medical uses of cannabis

Legality of cannabis

Possible long term mental health conditions and addiction associated with underaged cannabis use

Dangers of driving under the influence of cannabis

Dangers of sourcing cannabis from the black market

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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