

Select Committee into Alternate Approaches to Reducing Illicit Drug Use

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Good morning to all committee members,

I hope this email finds you all in good health.

I believe, the harm of Illicit drug use will be reduced, if they are all legalised and controlled. It is human nature to alter one's perception on reality, whether it be for physical pain, mental pain, enhanced experiences, coping with disease, etc. The uncontrolled factor involved I believe is causing the greatest harm, the black market providing an uncontrolled product, the black market providing addictive products laced over others unbeknownst to the buyer, the black market diverting the monetary benefits away from the community, our policing system trying and failing to control the black market taking up time and using much needed resources which can be better spent actually reducing harmful violent crimes, the black market provides opportunities for corruption to leak into our policing and service systems, the law abiding citizens are suffering immense harm from lack of or completely restricted access to particular substances which are classed as illicit drugs, individuals are having to seek harmful pharmaceutical based medicines to treat their ailments and/or disease, individuals and families are losing their livelihood to support highly expensive pharmaceutical based treatment medicines, individuals are losing their lives through pharmaceutical based medicines, individuals and their family members are suffering immense harm due to the effects of uncontrolled access through addiction, individuals and families are suffering immense harm as a result of government law prohibition, particular government laws are attacking people who wish to self medicate with a much safer product (cannabis and/or hemp).

I could go provide a further 10 pages, but it won't make a difference, the core issues are covered, it is time to legalise and provide suitable, safe, affordable and controlled access to illicit drugs, in turn it will reduce harm substantially, to the point of saving millions of lives.

Thank you to all in the committee for your time taken to read over and consider my understanding and opinion on reducing harm.

Kind regards,

Adam Norrish.