

## Select Committee into Alternate Approaches to Reducing Illicit Drug Use

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Having used cannabis for pain relief for the last ten years due to a career as a plasterer it is not good that by using this drug I'm considered a criminal.

I've often wondered why something that is so useful is criminalised. Is it because of the effect it will have on the medical, forestry and oil industries and is that because of their lobbying power and contributions? If this is the case it is a shame that this is the state of politics nowadays that the government would put the well being of its constituents behind that of corporate Australia.

The benefits in legalising all drugs is clearly researched and proven to be better for society as a whole. It's more than time that we went down this path not just for the health benefits but also financial gain.

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### Select Committee into alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community

Terms of reference: (1) A Select Committee examining alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community is established.

(2) The Select Committee is to inquire into and report on —

**(a) other Australian state jurisdictions and international approaches (including Portugal) to reducing harm from illicit drug use, including the relative weighting given to enforcement, health and social interventions;**

**(b) a comparison of effectiveness and cost to the community of drug related laws between Western Australia and other jurisdictions;**

**(c) the applicability of alternate approaches to minimising harms from illicit drug use from other jurisdictions to the Western Australian context; and**

**(d) consider any other relevant matter.**

(3) The Select Committee is to report no later than twelve months after the motion is agreed to.

(4) The Select Committee shall consist of five members; Hon Alison Xamon (Chair); Hon Samantha Rowe (Deputy Chair); Hon Colin de Grussa; Hon Michael Mischin; and Hon Aaron Stonehouse.

Submissions received after 5pm on November 30th 2018 are unlikely to be considered, unless an extension has been requested.