

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

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**From:** Lee Hollingsworth  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 November 2018 4:36 PM  
**To:** Select Committee into Alternate Approaches to Reducing Illicit Drug Use  
**Subject:** supporting legalisation of cannabis in Western Australia

Dear committee,

I am writing in support of cannabis legalisation and regulation Western Australia.

My reasons for support are as follows:

Cannabis is arguably less harmful than tobacco and alcohol, yet these are both legally available to adults. Putting the same restrictions on cannabis would see a reduction in state revenue spending on policing.

Increase in revenue collection through a taxable product while at the same time reducing money in the black market.

Regulation and safe sale of cannabis would reduce the need for cannabis users to associate with illegal drug dealers and thereby avoid contact with illicit drugs.

Ability to have a safe tested product and to know what is in it, how strong it is and make informed choices about consuming.

Medical cannabis has a number of proven benefits and should be available to those that require it.

Recreational cannabis - restricted to areas away from children and other areas where smoking tobacco is restricted - would be less antisocial for the community, and put people at less of a risk than places where alcohol is served.

i believe the current cannabis laws are outdated and based on a lack of modern scientific evidence, which should be addressed.

Thank you for your consideration

Lee Hollingsworth

Sent from my iPhone