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### **VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM**

You may wish to briefly introduce yourself and express thanks for the opportunity to participate in the inquiry. You may wish to state your general opinion. You may leave this blank. **You may like to request that your submission be kept confidential, and it will not be published with your name.**

I would like to comment on the following terms of reference (TOR):

You can choose to write about one TOR or the other, or both. Your submission may include facts, opinions, recommendations or suggested solutions to the issues outlined in the terms of reference below.

1. The effectiveness of laws, procedures and regulations relating to illicit and synthetic drugs and the misuse of prescription medication in minimising drug-related health, social and economic harm;
  - **Personal stories – tell your story!** Write about your personal and professional background if relevant (personal stories about how our current policies and laws have impacted you and those close to you can be really powerful, you may wish to include these in your submission)
  - **Which Victorian drug laws have harmed you?** You may like to point out how Victorian drug policy may have harmed you, your career, your education, your family situation, etc
  - **Which Victorian drug laws have helped you?** For example, access to harm reduction services or treatment, availability of NSPs, peer education programs. You may want to discuss potential changes to drug policy that would make you feel safer and respected in society
  - **Which policies do you think are cost-effective and efficient, and which policies do you think waste resources?** Do you feel that harm reduction, drug education and treatment options are funded properly, or could receive a

- larger percentage of funding?
- Do you feel that **people affected by drug policies** (people who use drugs, families of people who use drugs, people who work with people who use drugs) are consulted in the formation of drug policies and laws?
- Feel free to **add attachments and resources** to your submission to emphasise your point

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2. The practice of other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions and their approach to drug law reform and how other positive reforms could be adopted into Victorian law.
  - **Aspects of positive drug law reform from other jurisdictions** – for example, decriminalisation in Portugal, drug testing in Europe, early warning systems in the Netherlands, police carrying naloxone, medically supervised injecting centres in Sydney, Vancouver, and Europe, legalisation of medicinal/recreational cannabis in the US/Uruguay/Canada
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### **Conclusion**

(if applicable) Write a short summary here of why you are making this submission

Yours truly,

Your signature (can be electronic)

Your name

### **References**

(if applicable)

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