

Cannabis Questions

The cannabis referendum could #makeitlegal, but what about the details? Here are five issues we need to discuss.

1 Referendum must be binding. The referendum should be about a specific law, that is known and takes immediate effect.

2 Home grown and adult use. The starting point for any model is adults over 18 can use, possess and grow their own cannabis.

3 Retail non-profit or enterprise? Retail sales could be state-run, non-profit, private enterprise, or social enterprises. Rules need to be set so the legal market can be competitive.

4 Righting the wrongs. Some tax revenues could be earmarked for communities most affected by the Drug War.

5 Reduce barriers to going legal. Wipe criminal records for cannabis. Let experienced providers go legal. Allow craft production.

Working to end cannabis prohibition.



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Cannabis Legal Options

The cannabis referendum to be held in 2020 could #makeitlegal. Here's the run down on the 5 main legal models.

1 Prohibition.

Strict law enforcement has led to high prices and a lucrative market ruled by violence, while not deterring use.

Eg: New Zealand (now)

2 Decriminalise.

Treated as a civil offence, like a fine. May lead to increased police activity, and does not address the illicit market.

Eg: some states in Australia and the USA

3 Social enterprise or state-run.

Non-commercial legal access through community groups, social clubs, or state-run liquor boards.

Eg: Washington State, some Canadian provinces

4 Private enterprise.

Licensed outlets similar to bars or cafes. Local rules would be set by councils.

Eg: Colorado, Oregon, some Canadian provinces

5 Free market.

No rules can lead to over-commercialisation and higher use. This option is not likely nor what we promote.

Eg: lax alcohol regimes



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