

MARIJUANA POLICY IN CANADA

ISSUE

- Provide safe and health focus amendments to Marijuana laws in Canada

POLICY GOALS

1. To provide Safe Access
2. To minimise negative externalities.
 - Driving under influence.
 - Public intoxication.
 - Minimise gate way drug potential through appropriate market access.

BACKGROUND

HEALTH

- Inconsistent product: Overdose
- Similar to smoking.

JUSTICE

- High enforcement costs.
- Inconsistent policing.
- Gateway drug.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- DUI
- Public intoxication.

Policy option 1

CANADA MARIJUANA ACT

- Complete legalisation of Marijuana

1. Regulating Manufactures.

- Approved distributors and standards.

- Licensing and penalties.

2. Regulation of Sales

- Licensing and penalties.

3. Labels and Promotions

TAX DISTRIBUTORS

- . Requires provincial Consultations. (First ministers meetings)
- Includes subsidies incentives.
- Marijuana Act will be included
- Model is private distribution and sale, (Similar to Tobacco).

MARIJUANA BOARD

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- Includes subsidies incentives.
- Marijuana Act will be included.
- Model after Saskatchewan Liquor Board.

RECOMMENDATION

- Federal Government to create Marijuana Act