

VOTING IN THE ELECTION?

What you need to know about drug policy before you vote!

It is a criminal offence to use, possess, manufacture, grow, sell any illegal drug.
The United Nations says this is to protect our children.

Do the drug laws really protect our children?

"No!", says the Global Commission on Drug Policy.
"No!", says the think-tank, Australia21.
"No!", say many, many other informed bodies.

Why our children are not protected:

- ☹ Drugs are available to anyone who wants them - even 12 year olds
- ☹ Illegal drugs are of unknown quality and purity
- ☹ 400 young people in Australia die each year from illegal drug misuse
- ☹ Arrest of a drug user can mean ruined life opportunities
- ☹ Criminals and corrupt officials make obscene profits
- ☹ Public funds are wasted on ineffective responses

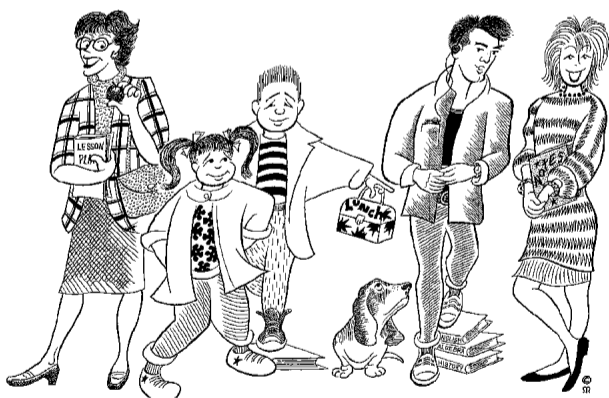
This 100 year experiment has failed and we need to discuss alternatives



Who supports a dialogue about changes to our drug laws?



We do!



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Problematic drug use is a health issue

So do we!



Before you vote

ask your local candidate if he or she supports a dialogue about alternatives to our prohibition drug laws.

A yes answer is a good reason to vote for that candidate.

Drug issues are implicated in most of our social ills and we need to use the evidence to explore health and social options and not just law enforcement alone to reduce those problems.

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