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**OFFICIAL SUBMISSION**  
**Relating to Drug inquiry**

Illegal drugs are the biggest tax evasion matter in Australia costing us in tax evasion, economy injection, social services overloads, prison and court overloads, medical, hospital and mental health overloads, and crime, Family breakdowns, and much more.

The sale of ALL illegal drugs evades tax and is a huge weekly sum which can only be estimated, In fact the tax it evades is so huge it has never been estimated but would easily pay our deficits and much dole money spent on drugs not getting injected into our economy. The tax free funds assist the drug empire to grow, most the Mr Bigs are overseas where these funds are taken out of our economy on a huge weekly scale. But we never hear about the huge tax evasion or of the service costs to taxpayers for associated problems listed in paragraph one.

Saving on all the above can fund my recommended fixes and create a huge windfall for taxpayes

What is spent on drugs would otherwise be spent on general shopping etc creating employment and business growth.

ICE is the danger drug, seen first hand when I was working in hospital ED and in public, a very troublesome destructive drug and very little dissuasion from our courts and no public campaign to show the real effects on TV for the reality to hit home to users or potential users.

Our party policy is very relevant, that being, all state police are to report all reasonable size drug finds to the federal police so as their sources can be chased up, inclusive of powers to offer witnesses or informant immunity from prosecution.

Customs has been infiltrated by huge corruption and needs a re-format as seen in recent arrests of customs officers such as this SMH article 20/12/12

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/airport-in-grip-of-drug-trade-20121219-2bnd.html>

Headed, airport in the grip of drug trade, exposing a network of customs officers being arrested for multiple type offences, the report went on to call it one of Australia's most serious corruption scandals. Oddly the media exposed these not police. It also went on to say that Leaked customs documents dating back to 2007 detail multiple internal warnings that customs lacked the power, resources and ability to detect corruption and that its anti-corruption framework was "outdated and requires revision".

I believe the current Government has worked very hard on rectifying this.

Customs need to do more checks in more areas of import avenues

Police must stop the theme of arrest without investigating the source, thus passing reasonable finds on to federal police is a good fix.

Police must question all drug users on where they obtained drugs, and, from those people upwards, offering to be let off if they supply such detail to police.

This is the only way to combat it all, go seek the dealers then the manufacturers and moreso the Mr Bigs.

Most drug manufacturing is by private home labs whom have now taken over from most biker clubs and crime networks. Whereby authorities fear the race card but shouldn't. in some aspects of these home lab syndicates. The committee rather this not be too specified but it is reported that 86 drug labs found in one state almost all the 86 were home drug labs thus are far harder to detect

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/you-may-be-living-right-next-door-to-a-suburban-drug-lab/story-fni0cx12-1226731163760>

Daily telegraph 2/10/13 saying it has now taken over the fewer old style industrial type labs. It goes on to say 9 drug labs have blown up and each setup can be a multi million dollar entity, thus huge tax evasion.

The costs to combat this will be an asset, as the load taken off services and the stemming of huge tax evasion of many billions and other benefits to our economy are well worth the efforts, likewise the reduction in family destruction, as we saw recently even high profile peoples families get hooked, it might even next be a committee members family.

I feel this small submission is huge, and just needs a legislated plan to implement it all.

The tax evasion is more than even government realizes as drug sales are hidden from statistics, but stop and think and it becomes evident.

The only key to stopping ICE is a major disincentive of long mandatory sentences for various levels and a media campaign of the new changes so as to cut off current defense avenues in our courts

Currently courts realize ICE addicts are not aware of crimes they commit, thus a very dangerous situation and give this too much leeway, however, if we do a big public awareness campaign of the following policies then that defense shall be lost and countered by prosecution stating you were made aware by a big campaign that ICE can make people do things they are unaware of and that big mandatory sentences apply and you were warned prior to taking ice, the defense is therefore cut off, just as it was with drink driving campaigns the drink drives you.

I suggest the following be urgently implemented accompanied by a big advert campaign on it

5 years mandatory jail for users  
10 for dealers  
15 for manufacturers  
5 for importers of chemicals

Immunity for those caught who dob in the next level wall fast scare the next levels to stop production, plus the mandatory sentences above.

Its impact will be so fast that not too many prison places will be filled

Sincerely

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