

The Mission Statement

The Australian Sex Party is a libertarian, political response to the needs of Australians in the 21st Century.

We respect the rights of all individuals to live their lives in the ways they choose without infringing the rights of or causing harm to others.

In exercising their rights and freedom individuals should accept responsibility for their choices while being tolerant of the choices made by others.

The Sex Party believes that independent, peer-reviewed scientific research is essential to inform the broad spectrum of knowledge and debate in our 21st century world.

The vast majority of Australians hold relaxed and tolerant 21st Century views of the choices made by individuals. The Sex Party's policies reflect these views.

The Policies

Taxation and Regulation of the Supply of Marijuana

- Allow the possession, use and cultivation for personal use of marijuana by persons aged 18 and over;
- Allow for the licensing and taxation of growers, wholesalers and retailers;
- Retail outlets to be age restricted and be subject to zoning regulations (minimum distances from schools, etc). Licensing will include consumption "on-premises" plus take-out as well as retail only;
- Consumption of marijuana in public places to be prohibited;
- Plain, generic packaging with health warnings;

- DUI regulations amended to allow for maximum THC blood concentration much the same as for alcohol;
- Unlicensed commercial levels of production and distribution to attract heavy penalties;
- Percentage of tax collected to be directed towards education and harm reduction campaigns

Censorship

- Bring about the establishment of a truly national classification scheme which includes a uniform non-violent erotica rating for explicit adult material for all jurisdictions and through all media including the Internet and computer games. [Read More](#)

- Introduce an R and X rating for computer games
- To overturn mandatory ISP filtering of the Internet and return Internet censorship to parents and individuals.
- We oppose the mandatory retention of all Australian users' internet browsing history and emails by ISPs for at-will inspection by law enforcement agencies, and support strong judicial oversight over the ability of law enforcement to access individuals' internet and email data.

Education

- To bring about the development of a national sex education curriculum as a first step in preventing the sexualisation of children. [Read More](#)
- Development of a national internet education scheme for parents.

Equality

- To enact national anti discrimination laws which make it illegal to unfairly discriminate against people or companies on the basis of job, occupation, profession or calling. [Read More](#)
- To bring about equal numbers of women in the Parliament through enabling the Federal Discrimination Act to have jurisdiction extending to political parties.

- To create total equal rights in all areas of the law including same sex marriage. [Read More](#)
- Overturn racist laws that ban adults living in and visiting aboriginal communities in the NT from possessing erotic and sexual media.
- Ensure the sexual rights and freedoms of people with a disability and the elderly. [Read More](#)

Health

- To enact national pregnancy termination laws along the same lines as divorce law — which allow for legal, no-fault and guilt-free processes for women seeking termination ([more details](#))

- The listing of Viagra, Cialis and other drugs used to treat sexual dysfunction, on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Protection of Children

- Convene a Royal Commission into child sex abuse in the nation's religious institutions ([more details](#))
- Develop global approaches to tackling child pornography which focus on detection and apprehension of the producers of the material.

Workplace Relations

- Ensure that the introduction of paid parental leave is fair and equitable for small businesses.
- Abolish sex slavery and sexual servitude by introducing non morality-based immigration policies that allow bona-fide sex workers to work legally in Australia.
- Give sex workers access to fair visas so that they can enjoy human rights while they are working in Australia.

- Prevent human trafficking by granting sex workers the same human rights as other workers in Australia - decriminalise sex work and allow sex workers to travel here.
- Ensure trafficking is a crime in Australia; sex work is not. It is legal for sex workers from other countries to travel here for work. It is not legal to exploit them while they are here.

Religion / Ethical Issues

- Establishment of a Royal Commission into child sex abuse in religious institutions.
- The public education system should be secular in nature and not provide for any religious instruction whatsoever.
- An Ethics course along the lines of the current NSW trial, developed by the St James Ethics Centre, to be incorporated into the national curriculum.
- Ending the tax exempt status for religions.
- Cessation of tax-exempt status on all but the charitable work of religious institutions.
- Supports stem cell research, including embryonic stem cell research, and maintains it is a vital medical issue, not a religious issue.
- Supports women's rights to have an abortion if they so choose
- Calls for uniform state abortion laws and amendments to the Therapeutic Goods Act to allow mifepristone (RU486) to be imported and distributed widely in place of the highly restrictive and cumbersome Authorised Prescriber process which resulted from the "Harradine Amendments" to *the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 1996*.
- Opposes a blanket ban on women wearing the burqa conditional upon it being the woman's choice.

Drugs

- Decriminalisation, not legalisation, of purchase, possession and consumption of all drugs for personal use, such quantity to be defined as an amount equal or less than 14 day's supply for one person.
- Infractions are to be treated in an administrative framework and not in the criminal justice system.
- Immediate cessation of the use of drug sniffer dogs in public.
- Legalise and regulate cannabis for specified medical uses.
- Trafficking and dealing in drugs to remain a criminal offence.
- Supply of any drugs to a minor is to be a criminal offence.
- Laboratory quality drug testing stations to be provided at all music festivals and the like.
- Subsidised and high quality drug testing kits to be made available through pharmacies, age restricted premises and mobile distribution centres.
- Legalise and increase the number of medically supervised injecting rooms
- Legalise the prescription of heroin to registered and habitual users.
- Remove the prohibition of sale of smoking paraphernalia.
- Introduce a new schedule to the TDA for low risk recreational substances such as synthetic cannabinoids.

- Unwinding of excessive taxes on tobacco and alcohol.
- Electronic cigarettes remain a legal and viable option for nicotine replacement therapy.
- Drug testing for employment only be used where there is an impairment that affects safety of self and others and that tolerances have established benchmarks similar to alcohol blood limit.
- Legalisation of currently controlled substances for the purposes of religious observance.
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Euthanasia

- Voluntary euthanasia and assisted suicide for patients with a terminal illness and suffering severe pain to be decriminalised.
- In addition to the patient's primary medical practitioner a second and independent practitioner would be required to confirm his / her agreement with the diagnosis and prognosis.
- Information about palliative care options must be given to the patient and having been given this information the patient must confirm to the primary medical practitioner that all other options are not acceptable and that he or she wants assistance.
- A seven day cooling off period must then be allowed for before assistance can be provided.

Abortion

- Uniform abortion laws across Australia.
- Full decriminalisation of abortion – removal from criminal statutes.

- Abortion to be treated as a medical matter not a criminal matter.
- All abortion providers to have authority to prescribe Mifepristone (RU486).
- Medicare funding for abortion at all stages of pregnancy.
- An abortion may be performed at any time with the consent of the woman and if a medical practitioner certifies that it is appropriate under the circumstances.
- Minors (under the age of 16) may obtain an abortion without the consent of a parent/guardian.
- Ensure abortion is a part of sex education in schools.