**Written submission**

**Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act**

**Community of Lutsel K’e**

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This written submission is a result of two meetings held with the Elders (May 1st) and Lutsel K’e Dene School students ages 13 years and older ( May 2nd).

**Elders meeting and discussion:**

Cannabis Use in the community:

* The elders felt conflicted about the use of cannabis in the community
* They stated problems already exist in the community due to alcohol
* There were concerned on how cannabis use will affect the children in the community
* They requested a public meeting to discuss the issue of cannabis use and legalization
* They also requested a public meeting on the alcohol prohibition that is in place in the community

Education and awareness:

* The elders wanted workshops held in the community on cannabis use
* There were concerns on how cannabis use has affected some community members resulting in mental health issues
* They wanted education and awareness for the children and youth in the community

More time needed:

* The elders said more time is needed to discuss use of cannabis in the community
* The elders also said not enough time was given to the community by the standing committee on legalization of cannabis

Plebiscite:

* The elders said a vote can be held in the community on whether to allow cannabis use in the community

**Students Meeting and Discussion:**

* The students meeting and discussion did not go a well s the meeting with the elders. The students were quiet and appeared to be thinking.

Cannabis use in the community:

* One of the students wanted to know what the elders said about the use of cannabis in the community
* There were questions on the dispensary and if it will be done in the community
* One student said that dispensary of cannabis should be done in the community for economic benefits for the community

Plebiscite:

* The majority of the students wanted a plebiscite on the cannabis use in the community and wanted all ages 13 years and older to vote in the plebiscite