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## OPSRRA Medical Marijuana Survey Comments

### Do you agree that medical marijuana facilities should be located in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area?

#### Otter Point

- OK if confined to indoor grow-ops.
- I believe medical marijuana facilities should only be located in areas which have sewers. Marijuana is heavily treated with chemicals which could be damaging to our ground water. That doesn't apply to any area in the Juan de Fuca. There are many areas in BC or even in Canada which would be more suitable.
- It should be considered industrial and should NOT be allowed on agricultural or residential land.
- but only on industrial zoned land not rural, ALR
- M M Facilities, because they are intense farming, will pay almost no taxes. That means that the rest of [JDFEA] will be subsidising the facilities to cover fire protection and policing, they will pay no school or road tax. Even if the facility is in the industrial park, it still will pay almost no taxes! I do not think it is fair that all the other companies in the industrial park pay there [sic] fair share of taxes, and will have to help subsidise a grow op. This is one sweet deal for whoever gets a licence to have a grow ops [sic].

#### Shirley

- I believe if there must be such a facility it should be in an industrial area. I am soooooo sick of breathing pot smoke when my neighbours vent there [sic] facilities on a daily basis.

#### Jordan River

No responses

### What should be the minimum setbacks?

#### Otter Point

- Each property should be considered in its own right as setbacks are too limiting and do not necessarily ensure a secure environment.
- Setbacks should be the same as any other industrial enterprise.
- 30 metres all around would be prohibitive on a smaller parcel.

- I am more than 90 metres from a grow- op now and the stench when venting carries for more than 90 metres so bad I go inside the house to avoid the smell neighbours driving by often ask where the smell comes from permeating inside their cars, even a 3 year old asks his mom what the smell is.

### Shirley

- I don't know enough about this issue to feel I can have an informed opinion. As I understand it there is a project hopefully planned for the industrial park in Otter Point. This seems an appropriate place. I don't see that it needs agricultural land at all.
- I do not believe these operations should be located on agricultural land. Plants being grown inside buildings do not need to be on farm land, they should be located elsewhere. Even use of the word "facility" shows it is not farming, it is not called a medical marijuana farm.

### Jordan River

No responses

## Where would you support the location of medical marijuana facilities in the JDFA?

### Otter Point

- Most definitely NOT within the ALR.
- Since I expect that the federal government will require that the growing be done in a building rather than in a field I don't see what difference it makes.
- Put them on federal land or on military bases.
- I think there will be people applying for small grow-ops so they could be done indoors or on smaller land plots.

### Shirley

- Medical marijuana production is a commercial manufacturing operation, NOT farming. It is done in an enclosed building and does not need to use the sun nor the soil to grow. It is all done by artificial light and raised beds. Having this type of operation on ALR or agricultural zoned land is a total waste of our very limited amounts of land which have good soil for field crops. It is similar to hothouse vegetable growing which again should not be put on agricultural land. Agricultural land should be limited to uses which require outdoor soil and sunshine and rain.
- since the facilities are highly regulated about how they can operate; and are in concrete and steel bunkers it is an industrial use of land and should only be on land zoned for industrial land use; these facilities should never be considered to be rural or farm use.

### Jordan River

No responses

## Do you have any further comment about setbacks?

### Otter Point

- Setbacks are ridiculous and have no bearing on security or anything else for that matter. If a

property is appropriate for this purpose then it should be allowed. Why have a setback at all?

- I do NOT support any such facilities within the ALR.
- 30 meters all around
- I do not believe that we should use ALR land for this purpose.

#### **Shirley**

- read my above comments those setbacks are not far enough away from property lines.

#### **Jordan River**

No responses

#### **Further comments**

#### **Otter Point**

- If you advertise the location of facilities then the security is compromised.
- This is a ridiculous question! ALL activities within a community should be public knowledge. This is not the USSR!!
- I put down # 1 above , but I wish you had a zero!
- I think before they issue licences all neighbouring properties should have a vote or say on the grow-op and if they do not comply with strict emission standards they should be shut down immediately.
- Thank you for doing a survey on this topic. I am very much in support of this type of facility being located in our community.

#### **Shirley**

- As these manufacturing operations are conducted in "bunkers" it is pretty obvious what is happening...it is much better to be open and above board with information.
- we live in a free and democratic society and it's citizens have the right to know what is taking place in our neighbourhoods; we know about prisons and detention facilities why not MMF's?

#### **Jordan River**

No responses