



### **LDP Policy**

Without necessarily supporting, advocating or approving of them, the LDP does not generally support the criminalisation of victimless crimes. Wherever possible it will seek to reduce the intrusion of government into these areas.

It nonetheless recognises that not all victimless crimes are capable of being entirely de-regulated. It acknowledges there may be unintended coercive consequences from re-legalisation and that some regulation may be warranted in specific instances.

### **Specific policies**

1. No criminalisation of activities in which the participant is the only person likely to suffer adverse consequences. Examples include dangerous and unwise actions such as failing to wear a seatbelt or helmet, BASE jumping and bungy jumping.
2. No criminalisation of consumption of pornography involving adults by adults (with safeguards to protect children).
3. No criminalisation of abortion other than for late term abortions where the foetus would be viable if born naturally.
4. No criminalisation of prostitution involving adults.
5. No criminalisation of assisted suicide where a free and informed choice has been made.
6. Re-legalisation of marijuana use by adults (subject to prohibition on involvement of minors, etc) and a review of prohibitions on certain other drugs. (See the [policy on cannabis](#))

The LDP also favours strong sanctions against crimes that infringe the rights of others, whether deliberately or through negligence.