

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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Organisation Name:
Your position or role:

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Drag the statements below to reorder them. In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria to consider::

Education,Public health,Public safety,Mental health,Social impacts,Young people and children,Accessing and using cannabis,Criminal activity

What best describes your interest in our Inquiry? (select all that apply) :

Individual,other – please explain

Interest in starting a business within the industry

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Upon further legalisation. How could small business owners benefit? Currently high barriers to entry in the industry.

California had a licensing platform to incentivise small businesses, but this was eventually manipulated by larger organisations. How can this be avoided in Victoria?

Select all that apply. Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :

Personal use of cannabis should be legal. ,Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. ,Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.,There should be no restrictions. ,Other – please explain.

The industry should provide tax gains to the State. But have reasonable barriers to entry and reasonable taxation rules for small businesses to not affect profit margins too dramatically, otherwise black market trade will still be the most viable.

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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1. prevent young people and children from accessing and using cannabis in Victoria;

Please refer to item 2.

2. protect public health and public safety in relation to the use of cannabis in Victoria;

In my opinion if the following steps were in place, this would largely assist with safe use of cannabis across Victoria

- Disclaimers on packaging and obligations for salespersons to inform customers of safety and dangers of use.
- Customers to receive specific approval from a GP for recreational use (letter to be provided to salesperson upon purchase).
- For online purchases customers to electronically sign something similar to a Statutory Declaration, that would have significant punishment if a customer is purchasing for someone else other than themselves.

3. Implement health education campaigns and programs to ensure children and young people are aware of the dangers of drug use, in particular, cannabis use;

In addition to programs already in place in schools. Health programs in schools to specifically discuss dangers of use of cannabis.

4. prevent criminal activity relating to the illegal cannabis trade in Victoria;

If there are reasonable barriers to entry and taxation rules are reasonable (to not affect profit margins too dramatically), small business owners will be able to provide a clinically tested, better quality product at cheaper prices (due to capability of growing in bulk quantities) than black market traders.

5. assess the health, mental health, and social impacts of cannabis use on people who use cannabis, their families and carers;

Please refer to item 2. GP to provide determination and approval for cannabis use.