

## Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

### 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:**

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

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

Individual

**Are there any additional themes we should consider?**

### YOUR SUBMISSION

Australia should look to Canada and the United States as examples of how marijuana can be regulated and used responsibly both recreationally and as a health aid. Medical marijuana should of course be legal and used more widely if there are benefits to doing so, such as controlling the instances and severity of seizures in people with certain conditions. Recreational use should be legalised. Edibles that contain controlled doses of CBD and THC should be made available to the public. The products would be a great tax revenue stream for the Government but would also allow people to make informed choices. CBD products could assist with sleep and become a less harmful alternative to those using sleeping pills as sleep aids. Products contain-ing THC could be used safely instead of drinking alcohol, which is far more harmful. In my opinion, a large education campaign would need to be rolled out to advise the community on lapses of time between using these products and being able to drive a car. Also about the harms of smoking the product as opposed to in-gesting it. The legal distributors would need to take on the responsibility of educating people in store about the effects of different strains and dosages. The Government would need to educate on potential mental health impacts to those more prone to cannabis psychosis for example, as well as safe use practices. Police testing would need to ramp up to combat those driving under the influence. Once those educations cam-paigns had taken place, the use of marijuana products recreationally is not harmful and could actually be a less harmful alternative to current legal vices such as tobacco, alcohol and prescription medications.

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:**

Look at the research, follow the example of other developed nations and trust in the Australian people to use these products responsibly. Removing the stigma and bringing these products out from underground will allow for open discussion and education, resulting in responsible use. Education on safe use and regulat-ed distributors to supply controlled dosages is important. This drug is only unsafe when uncontrolled, as it is currently. Legalisation with regulation and education is key.

**Select all that apply.**

**Do you think there should there 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.