

## 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::**

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

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

Public sector body, Individual

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

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

Personal use of cannabis should be decriminalised.

(Decriminalised: there are no criminal or civil penalties instead a person is referred to a drug diversion program or other health/ treatment service), Personal use of cannabis should be legal. , Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. , Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### Submission:

The cannabis industry in Australia has been forever controlled by criminals, for criminals. What I am looking to do is to take the power away from behind closed doors and put it in the public eye. There is a huge amount of money the government is missing out on from taxing this material, which could very well be put straight back into healthcare and schools. The industry exists, whether we choose to accept it or not, we may as well control it and put the money back into the economy. There will always remain a black market for it, but we need to compete by offering a better product, with better ethics.

The social ramifications of the drug being criminalised are hard to measure. People feel like criminals purchasing, associate themselves with criminals in doing so, and the ball rolls from there.

We need to educate young people in its adverse effects on a growing brain and empower them and their communities to do the same.

The stats are in, people are using cannabis. We need to embrace that it can be a powerful healing plant and recreationally safe - as seen in other countries. This way we can not only educate, but profit from this industry.

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

If we do "recreationalise" there is lots to consider around marketing. The USA has seen an industry boom, but they haven't necessarily taken a responsible approach. It is hugely sensationalised and marketed, and people are profiting. It needs to be a balanced, controlled, careful approach focused on education, health and moving forward.

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

