

## 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::**

Public health,Criminal activity,Accessing and using cannabis,Social impacts,Mental health,Education,Young people and children,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 legal. ,Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. ,Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### **Submission:**

I believe we have a great opportunity to learn from other areas of the world where they have legalised cannabis for recreational use. There are great public health benefits; it completely removes the black market and regulates the quality of cannabis - to ensure the consumer is not at risk and the cannabis is safe. There are HUGE tax benefits for the government (in the billions of dollars) from regulating the sale of cannabis. Given the current recession and the significant financial burden that COVID 19 has placed in the Australian and Victorian economy, other revenue streams are needed. Regulating and taxing the sale of cannabis presents an amazing opportunity for the Victorian Government to receive a substantial new revenue stream to reduce the budget deficit.

The world is evolving and the stigma of 'reefer madness' and the smear campaigns against cannabis over the years have proven fruitless. Cannabis is an amazingly versatile plant and has proven health and wellbeing benefits. I believe we should move with the times and embrace the benefits this plant can offer. It should not be an 'open slather' approach and needs to be carefully regulated to ensure minors are not able to access it, however this should not prevent us from progressing towards recreational legalisation.

Victorian Government - Please take the lead on this for Australia and show the world we are progressive and forward thinking. Public sentiment shows that a majority of people support legalisation, so let's do it!!

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

I commend the government for reaching out on this topic and seeking feedback. I think you will see from the survey results that a majority of people are in support of recreational legalisation.

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

