

## 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, Mental health, Public health, Young people and children, Education, Public safety, Criminal activity, Social impacts

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

Individual

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

Medical health

**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:**

My submission is being made with my sister in mind. She has endometriosis, chronic migraines, and clinical anxiety. Due to the medical issues just mentioned, it is incredibly difficult for her to go about her day to day life. I watched her as I was growing up not being able to get out of bed due to severe pain caused by her endometriosis, and her migraines aren't eradicated by the heavy medications she's been on pre COVID19. For years now, I watched her have to stay in bed all day, and not even be able to attend appointments for possible jobs because of that pain.

Regarding issues that the committee is considering, I highly suggest that our education into how effective cannabis can be for more than just medical reasons be updated, and how our economy can benefit from legalising the sale of such products at vendors.

I have attached two images showing how America has benefited from legalising such use, and given that our economy has been struggling since our borders shut, I believe this will help with that gap. The second image is from 2018, and shows that Colorado and California respectively were the biggest earners in the cannabis industry.

Victoria needs to be the first to take that step, because then Australia can soon start considering how we can bettering the lives of its residents, like my sister and people like her.

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

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

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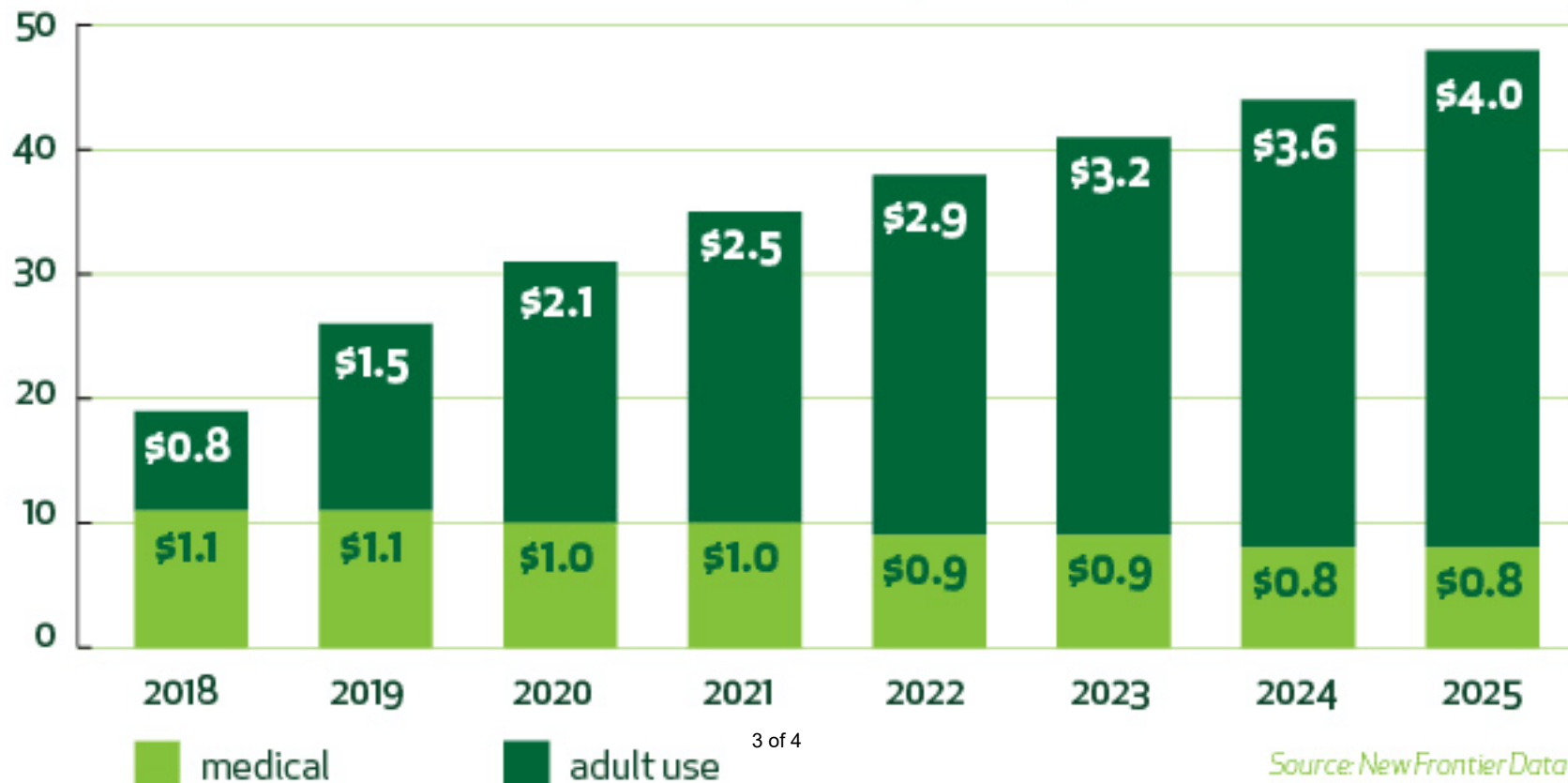
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**Signature:**

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## CALIFORNIA LEGAL CANNABIS PROJECTIONS (IN BILLIONS)



# Marijuana Brought In Millions In Tax Revenue Last Year

Estimated 2018 tax revenue in states where recreational marijuana use is legal\*



\* There are 10 legal states (and D.C.) but only seven currently tax and regulate revenue-producing stores 4 of 4