

## 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, Young people and children, Public health, Mental health, 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?**

**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.,Other – please explain.

Restrictions should only apply when psychoactive substances (THC) have been activated to people under 18 years of age. Medical exemptions must apply for people under 18 where the activated psychoactive substance is required for treatment. A modified version similar to the current liquor restrictions including under 18 use in the company of parent / guardian should be applied. Quality controlled Cannabis stores with various strains on display with information of health benefits of each strain and age restrictions apply to enter. Food outlets would need to comply with age requirements and food safety regulations when serving to the public similar to liquor model.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### **Submission:**

We already have a substance restriction model that we can learn from, the laws and restrictions for sale and consumption of Liquor. Restrictions should only apply when the psychoactive substance (THC) has been activated to people under 18 years of age. Medical exemptions must apply for people under 18 where the activated psychoactive substance is required for treatment. A modified version similar to the current liquor restrictions including the use by a person under the age of 18 in the company of parent / guardian should be applied. Quality controlled Cannabis stores with various strains on display with information of health benefits of each strain and food safety inspections from health department.to ensure product safety. stores subject to age restrictions to enter. Food outlets would need to comply with age requirements and food safety regulations when serving to the public similar to liquor model.

Promoting drug and alcohol support services, supporting a family member. Use of guides and pamphlets like the ACT Positive Choices Booklet Teaching our children and communities about the endocannabinoid system and the benefits of a plant we have been denied of for too long. We need to correct the stigma and misinformation of the dangers of a plant that in fact can replace some of the prescription medication on the market. Some containing additive substances which leaves some patients worse off fighting their addiction or list side effects of suicidal thoughts. Cannabis has shown the ability help some people control or beat addictions from alcohol abuse, prescription medicine abuse or other illegal substance produced by criminal syndicates.

Cannabis crime syndicates will be forced out of business as quality controlled stores open their doors

allowing consumers the choice in affect and benefit by selecting the strain and THC strength. Giving consumers the choice to best target their desired outcome far outweighs the choice given by criminal strategy of whatever is available

at the time by that guy your friend hooked you up to.

Taxes collected from purchases and license or permits to help fund counselling programs, health campaigns local council inspections. The police man power and money and time wasted on courts will be saved by not convicting good innocent people trying to improve their health.

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

## **FILE ATTACHMENTS**

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

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