

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

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

Individual

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

### YOUR SUBMISSION

The Victoria Government should seriously consider the legalisation of cannabis in Victoria for both medicinal and recreation purposes. Weed legalisation, as shown in jurisdictions that have legalised it, such as Colorado in the US, enables the government to gain additional funds through a two fold approach as the taxation of the purchase will increase receipts, and cost savings as there will be less policing of both the consumption and growth of the product. From a societal perspective, which is important to consider, there has been no definitive evidence to show that cannabis usage is more unhealthy than other legal drugs, and public health campaigns can be utilised to avoid excess abuse like has been done with tobacco and alcohol. As such, the government has no legitimate argument that adults should not be able to purchase and consume cannabis, except from a perspective of paternalism, which in a liberal democracy should not be the government's priority. Furthermore, legalisation will allow regulation of cannabis products, which will, in fact, improve the cannabis consuming population's health outcomes as the quality and purity of what they are consuming can be assured. For the reasons listed above, I am of a strong opinion that recreational cannabis usage should be legalised. I would be happy to expand on these arguments if requested by the committee.

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

**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.