

## 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:**

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

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

Individual

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

### YOUR SUBMISSION

Cannabis use for medicinal purposes should definitely be legalised. I suffer from severe chronic lower back pain and will do so for the rest of my life due to a spinal fusion at age 12 and now arthritis following that. Cannabis is the only thing that offers any form of relief from this, I have tried pretty much everything else with no success. Your basic pain relievers don't do anything, and due to my age (20) it isn't realistic for me to be taking anything stronger long-term as this will cause other health issues, one being addiction. Would I rather become addicted to cannabis or pain relievers? I know I'd rather be addicted to cannabis. Because it's illegal, everyone thinks it's a 'bad' drug and this then stops it from being properly studied. If the time was actually put into comparing the effects of long-term pain reliever use and long-term cannabis use, I think many would be surprised at the result, because long-term use of pain relievers definitely has negative side effects

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

**Select all that apply.**

**Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :**

Use of cannabis should remain legal for medical treatment only. 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), Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.