

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

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

Individual

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Civil liberties

YOUR SUBMISSION

As a tax paying, adult, Australian-born citizen, I firmly believe I should be allowed to access, grow and consume cannabis.

The negative social impacts of cannabis use pale in comparison to legal drugs such as alcohol and tobacco, numerous studies have shown that cannabis use is not only less damaging, physically than alcohol and tobacco, but also has beneficial therapeutic benefits for individuals suffering from numerous issues such as chemotherapy and PTSD. Users of cannabis are typically less inclined to commit violent crime while under the influence of cannabis than alcohol users, and less likely to suffer major health complications than either tobacco or alcohol users.

Currently otherwise peaceful, well meaning and productive members of Victorian society are forced to inter-act with criminals to enjoy the benefits cannabis consumption allows, while alcoholics are able to purchase a deadly, poisonous drug from their local shopping centre in as large a quantity as their wallets will allow.

The level of stress on law enforcement as a result of cannabis prohibition is far greater than it should be, legalisation of cannabis consumption will not only free up police resources but also have positive impacts on public relations with law enforcement agencies. We may even see an entirely new recruitment pool for Victoria Police open as a result as cannabis use will no longer be an instant disqualification from service.

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.