

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

Marijuana has multiple health benefits when used sensibly. Marijuana is on par with alcohol as a low risk substance when used recreationally in moderation. Marijuana poses considerably less risk to public safety than alcohol use as it rarely leads to aggression and violence even when used heavily. Any risk it does pose to public safety would be greatly reduced by legalisation and regulation. The dysfunctional heavy use of marijuana should be a public health issue and not a criminal issue just as alcoholism is not a criminal issue. We do not penalise all adult Australians by prohibiting alcohol consumption because of a minority who have substance abuse issues. The tax payer money spent on policing marijuana sale and use is far better invested in public health to combat substance abuse. Revenue raised from regulating the sale of marijuana could be a huge boon to Victorian economy.

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

Marijuana use is long overdue to be legalised and criminal records for personal use should also be expunged.

**Select all that apply.**

**Do you think there should there 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.

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**