

## Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

  
**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:**

Education, Public health, Mental health, Social impacts, Criminal activity, Accessing and using cannabis, 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

For the past 80 something years, Oil companies, Big Pharmaceutical Companies, Paper manufacturers, Textile manufacturers etc, with the help of the FBI, have portrayed Cannabis as an evil, worthless plant. Classing it as a dangerous and mind altering, psychoactive drug, with no medical or commercial use. This has been proven to be misleading & even faults as Cannabis or Hemp has proven itself to be one of the most versatile plants on the planet ever. It can provide Food, Medicine, Textile fibers, High grade plastics, Fuels, Hempcrete and other high grade materials. When grown in the earth, it improves the soil it's grown in, provides more oxygen than any other plant on the planet and has many, many medical uses, ie cancer, MS, Seizures, pain relief, aswell as relieving symptoms of anxiety & depression and other psychological disorders. This plant has been persecuted for the sake of greed while big multinational companies make millions while polluting and destroying our beautiful planet, and all it's taken is 80 plus years of lies about a plant that can make and do everything those companies can produce. The stigma behind Cannabis has gone over the past 20 years, some of the most famous people ever to live have used Cannabis throughout time and the only Stigma that remains is one of ignorance & fear. Medical professionals in this country are one of the biggest hurdles to Cannabis in this country, many feel cannabis has no medical properties but remember, these people said opiate based pharmaceutical were not addictive and safe...

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

The personal use of Cannabis should be regulated, the same way Alcohol is. even sold at liquor stores, ie over 18 to buy. The Government say they have no resources to begin cultivation. I think there should be an amnesty and the Government offer people who currently grow clandestine crops, the opportunity to go straight and use their knowledge, with Government resources to grow Cannabis for the state, under controlled conditions, you employ these people as professional growers for the state. The state makes money through sales, taxes, licensing fees etc, the unemployed become employed, crime rates come down. Seems like a really good way to kill the black market. Police would be free to do there work of serving the community... This is just the thoughts of an everyday bloke, who sees things on a progressive way. The current value of the cannabis market in Australia is \$57 Billion, the wine industry is only \$45.5 Billion, If nothing else, think of the money to be made for our country. Google 'what is the Wine/Cannabis industry's worth in Australia'. That's what I did...

**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:**