

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

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

Individual

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

Economic effects

**Select all that apply. Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :**

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),Personal use of cannabis should be legal. ,Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. ,Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

In terms of public safety and public health in relation to the use of cannabis in Victoria, the committee should consider the implementation of a license to purchase, own and use cannabis. This would not only help prevent youth and children from accessing cannabis, but would ensure new cannabis users were aware of the potential risks associated with cannabis, and also help them understand whether it is a safe and smart choice for them to use cannabis. This ensures that cannabis use can be controlled. To obtain a cannabis license, I believe that a person must undergo a mental health evaluation as well as an evaluation of other risk factors pertaining to the use of cannabis. This helps prevent radical on the spot decisions when it comes to the use of cannabis.

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

If cannabis was legalised, an age restriction of 19 or 20 would be better suited as this ensure that youth are not being introduced to driving, alcohol, and cannabis all at the time crucial moment in their lives.

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

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