

## 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::**

Public health, Accessing and using cannabis, Mental health, Education, Young people and children, 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?**

Personal use figures

**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. , There should be no restrictions.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

Hi,

The current community use of cannabis for all purposes. There is a proportionate percentage of the community that use cannabis for health and / or recreational purposes. Some figures to support this are cannabis intoxicated drivers. Sober drivers must remain a requirement if legislation is passed for medical or recreational use. Cannabis is not a gateway drug like alcohol. Medical use must be approved through appropriate healthcare channels and users are to be over the age of 18 and education must be provided to all minors about the effects of cannabis. The same rules of cigarettes should apply with the addition of being unable to use in the presence of minors (including under the same roof).

By making the substance legal for sale it can be taxed and regulated. The tax revenue should be reinjected into health and social considerations such as caregiving and education.

Quantity limits should be provisioned and if greater than x volume then dealer / trafficker charges should remain.

Overseas jurisdictions such as some states in the USA should also be considered along with any relative data to decriminalisation, social and health impacts.

Employers must accommodate those prescribed cannabis for medical use however the treating physician must take into account the patients employment and such inherent requirements of the role or employer.

Public use also needs to be considered similarly to designated cigarette smoking.

Economic impacts should be considered including direct and indirect jobs created.

The consequences of no legislative change should also be considered such as law enforcement costs, lost tax revenue, health concerns along with the ability to access the substance illegally.

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

### **FILE ATTACHMENTS**

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

John Sullivan