

## 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::**

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

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

Individual

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

**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:**

There are many people who have gained criminal records for simply having marijuana to de-stress, to medicate or to have some fun. It is unjust that these people receive such harsh treatment -

- marijuana is less harmful than alcohol statistically and scientifically
- marijuana has benefits for those with chronic pain and seizures
- it is less dangerous to using opiates for medical conditions

People have been made criminals and their lives have become worse as as a result of harsh and unsubstantiated laws against the consumption and ownership of marijuana. Prison systems would see a reduction in those incarcerated if it were legal.

Additionally hemp usage for clothing and other materials has been significantly reduced due to harsh laws around marijuana. It is a more sustainable product to cotton and more durable.

Our harsh laws are only a result of copying racist policies from the US in the 60's. Their war on drugs made for more violence across the world. We have a chance to make a difference

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

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

