

## 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::**

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

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

### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### **Submission:**

That cannabis is considered by so many as such a dangerous drug, whilst alcohol is considered to relatively safe, really goes to show just how flawed our education around drugs is.

In 2018 there were 264 drug-induced deaths where cannabinoids were present in the toxicology report. Meanwhile, in 2017 there were 1366 alcohol induced deaths.

In 2015, cannabis use made up 0.2% of the total of the burden of disease and injuries. That same year, alcohol made up 4.5%.

3% or less of the burden of schizophrenia, poisoning, anxiety disorders, road traffic injuries and depressive disorders while 23% of the burden of suicide and self inflicted injuries is attributed to alcohol.

36% of drug treatment episodes in 2018-19 had alcohol as their primary concern.

in 2019, 21% of Australians aged 14 years and older were the victims of an alcohol related incident.

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

I'd just like it to be noted that I got all the statistics I've used from the Australian Government website, Australian Institute for Health and Welfare. The answers are already there and the facts speak for themselves...

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**  
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