

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

**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:**

An issue I'd like to be taken into consideration, in regards to the legal sale / decriminalisation of cannabis is the large amount of harm that is caused to the community, and has been caused to me personally. When a substance like cannabis, which is arguably less harmful than alcohol or tobacco, is left to the devices of criminals, there is significant harm caused to individuals, families and other groups. In no less than three (3) occurrences, I was sold and consumed cannabis which had been laced with other drugs (namely methylamphetamine and heroin). These occurrences were extremely detrimental to my life, and the lives of those around me; and would not be able to occur in a system in which the government a) regulated b) decriminalised c) legalised personal use of cannabis (and other drugs), as well as diverting funds from the policing of drugs, to wide spread education programs (through schools, etc) and the funding of rehabilitation programs to support the community. I feel Australia is a country which has the wealth, skills and heart to look towards countries have proven programs that reduce harm to individuals, families and communities (that drugs can cause).

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

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

