

## Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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

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

Individual

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

### YOUR SUBMISSION

I do not think children should be exposed to cannabis. Penalties involving supplying to children should be high. I believe policing cannabis as it is now contributes to the use by children and does nothing to keep it off the streets. Being a criminal substance means criminals have a product. If it was accepted like alcohol then it can be managed rather than hidden. We now have tests so abuse on the roads and at work can be reduced. I think most of the social negatives related to cannabis are because of the laws surrounding it. Other countries have eased up and are doing well.

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

I have smoked cannabis heavily heavily for most of my life. I have never done crime to support this habit but I have recently been charged. Now it looks like I may not be able to travel overseas to see family. Since being charged I have stopped. This has been easier to stop than cigarettes' for me. I have never sold the stuff but i was also charged with trafficking as I live within 500 meters of a school. All cannabis I used and grew was never in my home around my children or any other children. I believe i was a responsible consumer how-ever it is very possible I could do time for the charges I face. This would destroy my family as I am the only income earner. It is all pretty heavy for smoking some joints. Who would you rather cross paths with late at night alone. I would rather cross paths late at night with a group of stoners than a group of people drunk. Also for growing a couple of plants for personal use I got 3 charges, possession cultivation and trafficking. I dont' think this fair but the law is the law.

**Select all that apply.**

**Do you think there should there 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. Other – please explain.