

## 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::**

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

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

Individual

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

The massive potential of income taxing this can bring in and also the massive tax dollar savings spent on policing it

**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. , Other – please explain.

Surprised to see age isn't mentioned, but as with alcohol you should be at least 18

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

I believe it should first and foremost be asked why it is illegal in the first place?

Why its benefits for medical use are well known from years of medicinal use in other countries and why we have decided to make it very hard to obtain for medical use for patients in Victoria?

We should be using states in America that have legalised it as a model for the potential benefits to society, from tax income, crime rates, police resources and also the well known and established medicinal benefits.

We should look into blatantly racist propaganda such as "reefer madness" and acknowledge any effect such racist propaganda has influenced this plant to this day.

All points in the terms of reference should be happening now as it well known how widespread the use of it is (<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/drug-use-in-victoria>).

To prevent young people and children from accessing and using cannabis in Victoria you could use the same methods which are currently used to control alcohol and if those methods are not enough then the methods used to prevent young people and children from accessing and using alcohol in Victoria need to be looked at;

To protect public health and public safety in relation to the use of cannabis in Victoria, its use is already widespread so if this is a concern it should already be happening where the science is readily available to be read by the average layperson, from potential benefits to health risks from smoking it;

To implement health education campaigns and programs to ensure children and young people are aware of

the dangers of drug use, in particular, cannabis use, this should be taught alongside alcohol;

To prevent criminal activity relating to the illegal cannabis trade in Victoria the pricing needs to be equivalent or even cheaper than current illegal pricing although a large factor of prevent the illegal sale would be ease of access for anyone to acquire it;

To assess the health, mental health, and social impacts of cannabis use on people who use cannabis, their families and carers, these are of a concern, if these issues are treated as a health issue and not a criminal one then there should be support for anyone who is dealing with any of these points as there is framework for this already in the use of alcohol, if the framework isn't enough then the framework of how alcohol abuse is treated needs to be looked over,

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

Victoria would be a prime location to start the mass production of it and the benefits are enormous, not only would the tax income be massive but if Victoria pioneers large scale production it can also be used as an export

**FILE ATTACHMENTS**

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

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