

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

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

Individual

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

Total legislation, release from prison of anyone convicted on cannabis charges that were non violent in nature.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

Please find my responses to the terms of reference below:

To best prevent young people and children from accessing and using cannabis in Victoria cannabis should be fully legal in the same way that tobacco is, removing the taboo nature and providing education would go further then banning it outright.

This has been proven in many of the places that have decriminalized or legalized cannabis.

To protect public health and public safety in relation to the use of cannabis in Victoria cannabis needs to be fully legal so any addiction and abuse can be treated like a medical issue in the same way that alcohol and tobacco are.

To prevent criminal activity relating to the illegal cannabis trade in Victoria the only smart choice is to remove the criminal element. By making cannabis fully legal legitimate business can profit and pay tax which will send more money to the state for policing of any illicit trade similar to how tobacco is taxed and its sale enforced.

To assess the health, mental health, and social impacts of cannabis use on people who use cannabis, their families and carers the illicit categorization of cannabis needs to be changed, fully legalizing cannabis will help make it a subject people can talk about in public without fear, can talk to their doctor about alternative pain medicine to opioids and have fun with friends in their spare time.

I believe cannabis needs to be fully legalized in the same way that alcohol and tobacco already are.

I also believe in taxing the crap out of it like many of the individual states in the USA have makes a lot of sense especially in a post covid-19 world.

Keeping it illegal just means that all the profits are going to criminals. Why not start sending that money back to the government through taxes, to workers through sales and cultivation and to business owners.

Surely that is better then sending all that cash to the blackmarket with most of it going offshore.

Spend the tax dollars on healthcare, education and whatever else the state needs.

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

**Select all that apply.**

**Do you think there should there 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.