

## 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::**

Public health,Mental health,Young people and children,Social impacts,Education,Accessing and using cannabis,Public safety,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:**

We've seen many countries around the world with legal cannabis, and I'm surprised that a progressive state like Victoria has not already.

As someone who has no interest in partaking in the use of cannabis, from what I've gathered there isn't much risk to public health or safety compared with other legal drugs like alcohol or tobacco in that users are less likely to become violent under its effects. My main concern would be around the impact of the drug on brain development and health in children, so I believe an age restriction would be sensible.

It also seems like it has a health benefit for those with chronic pain, and legalisation would open up research into those areas, potentially benefiting many.

I support full legalisation for all adults, and sold and regulated by the government. We'd save a lot on enforcement, gain tax revenue to deliver improvements to other things for Victorians, free up resources to deal with crime that actually impacts the public, and stop wasting resources on people going to prison for something that doesn't really harm anyone else. Being regulated and sold through legal channels that it can become less of a "gateway" drug, be safer for consumers (less likely to be contaminated with other substances).

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

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

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**Signature:**

