

## 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::**

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

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

Individual

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

Why are "Public Health" and "Mental Health" two separate entities here?

**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.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

You could solve the illegal trade in cannabis at a stroke by legalising and regulating it. Funnel the taxes raised into education, healthcare and support, rather than lining the pockets of criminal syndicates.

Children, of course, should not be able to access it; but in this respect, I see no difference between the issue of underage consumption of cannabis and that of underage drinking or smoking. Both the latter are drugs that are banned to minors and heavily taxed and regulated by government. Both are also targets of government-funded education campaigns on the risks of use/abuse. Why cannabis sits outside this group is beyond my comprehension.

The fact of the matter is, that despite cannabis being illegal, anyone who wants to use it, does. Surveys consistently show that a significant portion of the population has at least tried the drug, even if they're not regular users. This alone should tell us that criminalising it has not worked.

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

I'm glad the Parliament is reviewing this situation. It should have been dealt with years ago.

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

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