

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

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

Individual

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

The tax revenue created from a government regulated cannabis industry.

**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.

I believe personal use should be legal, but restrictions for age and on driving/operating machinery should be in place same as with alcohol. And education about its appropriate and inappropriate use would go a long way in reducing the amount that young people abuse the substance.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

With government regulated distribution of Cannabis, the amount of money made from taxing the substance would create an incredible amount of revenue which already exists - but is in the hands of criminals. Some of these criminals would no longer be criminals once their Cannabis related activities are deemed legal - they would simply be procuring a plant for relaxation, anxiety-relief, pain relief for their grandmother or sick wife etc. The majority of people currently profiting off the Cannabis industry however, are those also involved in the production and distribution of far more harmful and addictive substances, such as biker gangs and import networks.

If the government were to be taking in the profits from the already existing clandestine Cannabis industry, then even only a small of this money could be a huge investment into drug education for youth. It would also result in a demystification of the substance which would go a long way in reducing rates of use in youth, if it is no longer seen as the enticingly illicit substance it currently is (we all know how teenagers are).

Cannabis needs to be separated from these more dangerous and addictive drugs for the safety of our youth, who are procuring Cannabis from the same sources who distribute all kinds of substances, and for the sake of those who cultivate Cannabis for personal and medicinal reasons but are painted with the same brush as these criminals who are in-fact a larger danger to society.

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

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

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