

## 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, Young people and children, Mental health, Social impacts, Public health, Education, 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?**

Legalisation, Decriminalisation

### YOUR SUBMISSION

There is little to no evidence that decriminalisation or legalisation of cannabis leads to significant negative personal or societal impacts. When used responsibly cannabis poses almost no risk to personal health, and the direct physiological impacts of its use do not remotely compare to those of alcohol. Alcohol poses a risk to personal and public health that cannot be overstated or compared to any potential impacts of cannabis use, yet alcohol is completely engrained in our culture.

Australia should not continue to propagate the deceptive and racially-motivated position that lead to the prohibition of cannabis in the US, famously promulgated by Harry J Anslinger in the early 20th Century.

The cliché argument is a compelling one: the informed use of cannabis by responsible adults, backed by regulated production and strong educational messaging, can lead to significant state revenue and a reduction in legal issues for consenting adults participating in what is, in almost all instances, a victimless crime.

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

Treat adults like adults. Looking at the global body of evidence there is essentially no justification for the current treatment of cannabis under the law. It is bizarre that alcohol and prescription drugs do not receive the same scrutiny. It's time for change.

**Select all that apply.**

**Do you think there should there 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.