

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

**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 legal. ,Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. ,Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal.

### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### **Submission:**

Cannabis and derivative products have been shown to have a range of health benefits, often without the negative side affects associated with same purpose prescription drugs- specifically here I'm thinking of pain relief without the use of addictive opiates, and anxiety/ mental health relief without the use of equally addictive benzodiazepines. Furthermore, in a recreational setting, cannabis and derivative products have been shown in a number of jurisdictions worldwide to be relatively harmless when accessed in a controlled way, particularly in comparison with other recreational substances including those that are already legal like alcohol.

Given the potential health benefits and low public health risk associated with recreational use I think it's ridiculous that cannabis and derivative products aren't available for adults to purchase in a safe, regulated manner.

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

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

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