

## 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::**

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

a) Prevent young people and children from accessing and using cannabis in Victoria.

This is a difficult one but making it legal would go a long way to taking away the stigma around the image of cannabis. The image of the stoner male teen aged between 16-24 That it is usually associated with the drug. Legalisation and the ability to purchase it at a store would certainly change the image of the average user of the drug as youth will see people from all walks of life purchasing it.

c) implement health education campaigns and programs to ensure children and young people are aware of the dangers of drug use, in particular, cannabis use;

Just as schools have implemented awareness about the dangers of smoking cigarettes in numerous classes. Growing up and going through school I remember having to do multiple projects on the dangers of smoking tobacco and I'd say this has done a lot to make me so aware of the risk and danger it poses to my health that it just didn't make sense to smoke. The same could easily be done for cannabis. This is a huge one. Talking about cannabis in schools would go take massive strides to demystifying the drug and I'd say take away a lot of the appeal of trying it to kids if the risks were talked about in a reasonable way.

e) Assess the health, mental health, and social impacts of cannabis use on people who use cannabis, their families and carers;

Legalisation would provide much greater access to support and services that would affect people who are currently self medicating with cannabis and allow to get in touch with medical profession for both their physical and mental health without fear of being stigmatised or turned away.

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

**FILE ATTACHMENTS**

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