

## Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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

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

Individual, Working in the health sector

**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:

I am Canadian, and recreational cannabis is legal there. Overwhelmingly, legalisation hasnt changed much in general culture and use aside from user safety. It is so common and easy to access in most places that the illegal status does not stop the public from using cannabis if they desire.

The fears of every kid and their dog smoking and becoming addicted to weed are completely unfounded. In some places in Canada and the US, the smoking rates have even gone down since legalising it removes the 'taboos' around it being an illegal drug.

It should also be said that, for some people, cannabis is healthier and less addictive than alcohol. Providing a legal alternative to alcohol may reduce the instance and use of alcohol chronically.

Finally, legalising cannabis gives the government regulatory power. It allows to government to collect money via taxes, rather than spending money on enforcement.

It also makes cannabis use safer because users know exactly what they are getting, including strength and strain. This is especially relevant with edibles, as you can list the exact amount of THC in a product which allows users to dose appropriately. It also removes the desire for users to make their own edibles, which can be unsafe and result in extremely high doses if not done correctly.

Please don't listen to the incorrect and ridiculous arguments that all drugs are bad, and cannabis is a drug, therefore it is bad. Alcohol and nicotine are also drugs that are legal and widely used. They likely have more significant health affects when misused and are more addictive than cannabis. Simply being a drug is not an acceptable reason for cannabis to be illegal.

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

## FILE ATTACHMENTS

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**File2:**

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**Signature:**

