

## Inquiry into Homelessness 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,Education,Mental health,Young people and children,Social impacts,Criminal activity

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

Individual

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

Taxation

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

I firmly believe that our western counterparts have done their due diligence on Cannabis reform and we ought to consider similar strategies. As Cannabis is Australia's most popular recreational drug, it stands to reason that our current prohibition laws are ineffective. Further, our punitive laws do not favour the advancements or research of medicinal use. If our goal is to reduce harm, I firmly believe drug dependence and abuse should be treated outside of the criminal system as it is broadly a public health issue. Where possible, education at the point of sale will raise public awareness on the detrimental effects of adolescent use and where to seek help for dependence, reducing the likelihood of furthering substance abuse. Under a revised legislation, organised crime will also lose a stream of income, reducing their collective power while empowering our local government with taxation to help bring money to schools and hospitals.

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

This is an amendment to my initial submission. Thank you very much for your time and patience!

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

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