

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

**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:**

In my opinion, the best course of action for the Victorian public is to decriminalise the possession and sale of cannabis. Regulation of the sale and use of cannabis, as well as robust education programs around use of cannabis, have been shown internationally to contribute to local economies and reduce burden on the criminal justice system.

Economic benefits alone should be a reason that Victoria considers legalising cannabis - Colorado, U.S. in 2019, collected \$301 million USD in taxes and fees relating to the sale of medicinal and recreational marijuana. Sales in the state totalled over \$1.7 Billion USD (source: <https://www.investopedia.com/articles/insights/110916/economic-benefits-legalizing-weed.asp>)

The burden on the criminal justice system also must be reviewed - you can't arrest your way out of a drug problem.

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

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

