

Youth Voice in Parliament and Drug and Alcohol Laws

Hi!

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. In PNG young people under the age of 35 make up about 70% of the population and it is critical they have a say on issues affecting their lives. The Constitutional Law Reform Commission has requested that public submissions be made on the laws relating to the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs and representation of special interest groups in Parliament. This survey is an opportunity for young people aged 18-35 to have their voices heard through this important public consultation process.

The information gathered will be summarised as a 'youth voice' on these two issues and given to the Constitutional Law Reform Commission. The end goal is that this 'youth voice' will influence the laws relating to Drug and Alcohol abuse and the PNG Electoral process.

The survey has been organised by a group or coalition of PNG organisations who work with young people. These organisations include The Voice Inc, The PNG Cancer Foundation, Eco-Services Limited, The PNG Tribal Foundation, InterYouth Wave Rally and more. The aim of the survey is to gather feedback from at least 3000 young people across PNG.

All information you provide is confidential and will be kept safe. The survey results will be shared at; <http://thevoicepng.org/> .For more information email; info@thevoicepng.org

About You

Circle one answer for each question

1 My age group is:

18-24	25-30	31-35
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2 My Gender/ Sex is:

Male	Female
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3 I live in: Province: District:

4 My home Province is:.....My home District is:.....

5 I live:

In a city	In a town	In a settlement	In a village	Other (Write)
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6 I am:

In Secondary School	In University or TVET studies	Working	Not working	Other (Write)
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Your Voice...

Circle one answer for each question

7 Did you vote in the last National election?

Yes	No	Not sure
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8 As a young person do you feel you are free to vote for whoever you like in elections?

I have full freedom	I have some freedom	I have very little freedom	I do not have any freedom	Not sure
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9 Do you feel that issues that affect young people are being heard in the National parliament?

Very well heard	Heard quite well	Not well heard	Not heard at all	Not sure
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10 Would you like there to be a specific youth representative in National parliament?

Yes	No	Not sure
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Alcohol

Circle one answer for each question

11 Is alcohol abuse a problem in your community?

A big problem	A medium problem	A small problem	No problem	Not sure
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If 'No Problem' or 'Not Sure' skip to question 13

12 Which type of alcohol is the most commonly consumed in your community?

Please rank 1-5. 1 being the most commonly consumed and 5 being the least commonly or not consumed.

Beer	Home Brew	Spirits	Wine	Other? (Write)
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Drugs

Circle one answer for each question

13 Is drug abuse a problem in your community?

A big problem	A medium problem	A small problem	No problem	Not sure
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If 'No Problem' or 'Not Sure' skip to question 15

14 Which type of drug is the most commonly consumed in your community?

Please rank 1-5. 1 being the most commonly consumed and 5 being the least commonly or not consumed.

Marijuana	Cocaine	Ice	Heroin	Other? (Write)
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15 If you think alcohol and/or drug abuse is a problem in your community what is the biggest issue that it leads to?

Write answer here.....

16 If you think alcohol and/or drug abuse is a problem what do you think is the most effective way to deal with those who abuse alcohol or drugs?

Community Service	Counselling	Rehabilitation Centres	Increased Fines	Jail Time	Other (Write)
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17 How much do you know about the laws around alcohol and drug abuse?

A lot	A fair bit	A little bit	Nothing
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Context: The current fine for driving while drunk is 50 Kina

18 Do you think this penalty should be increased?

Yes	No	Not sure
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19 Is it easy for young people below the age of 18 to buy alcohol from a liquor store without showing identification?

(Only answer if you know of young people under the age of 18 who have bought alcohol in a licensed liquor store in the past year)

Easy	Not easy	Impossible	Most stores ask for ID	Most of them don't ask
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20 I understand this information is confidential and give consent for it to be shared among the organisations involved in this survey

Circle one of the options below

I give consent	I do not give consent
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Sign your Initial here..... (don't write your name)

Date.....

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ALL SURVEYS MUST BE RETURNED BY OCTOBER 14

