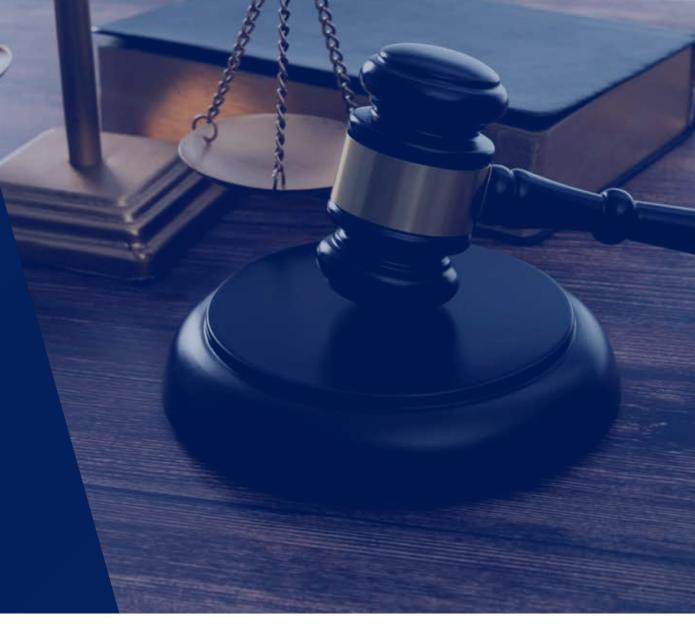
## **Research Findings on** Attitudes towards the **Death Penalty in Singapore**

Three studies were conducted from 2019-2021 on the use of the death penalty in Singapore, to better understand the perceptions of Singapore residents and those in regional cities.



Very Strong Support in Singapore for Use of **Death Penalty for the Most Serious Crimes** 

 74% agreed or strongly agreed that death penalty is justified<sup>1</sup> and should be used for the most serious crimes.<sup>2</sup>

**Strong Agreement in Singapore that Death Penalty is Effective in Deterring Drug Trafficking** 

- 79% believed that death penalty deters people from trafficking substantial amounts of drugs into Singapore.<sup>1</sup>
- Large majority agreed or strongly agreed that death penalty deters drug trafficking (83%), firearm offences (86%), and intentional murder (86%).<sup>2</sup>
- 66% agreed or strongly agreed that the mandatory death penalty is appropriate as the punishment for trafficking a significant amount of drugs.<sup>2</sup>

**Very High Level of Confidence in Singapore's Criminal Justice System** 

**Most Regional Residents believe Death Penalty Deters People from Trafficking Drugs into Singapore** 

- 89% had confidence that accused persons in death penalty cases are subject to fair and rigorous investigations.<sup>2</sup>
- 88% had confidence that accused persons in death penalty cases undergo fair and rigorous trials.<sup>2</sup>

- 87% believed that death penalty makes people not want to traffic substantial amounts of drugs into Singapore.<sup>3</sup>
- 83% believed that death penalty is more effective than life imprisonment in deterring drug traffickers.<sup>3</sup>

 85% believed that there were adequate safeguards to ensure that there were no wrongful executions.<sup>2</sup>

## Source:

<sup>1</sup> Study on Attitudes towards the Use of Capital Punishment, Institute of Policy Studies, 2020 <sup>2</sup> Survey on Singapore Residents' Attitudes towards the Death Penalty, MHA Research and Statistics Division, 2021 <sup>3</sup> Perception of Residents in Regional Cities on Singapore's Crime Situation, Law and Safety, MHA Home Team **Behavioural Sciences Centre, 2021** 

