

INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO REDFERN/WATERLOO

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Theme:

Summary

TO JAN BURSWOOD MLC
CHAIRPERSON OF THE UPPER HOUSE SOCIAL
ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE,

RE INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF TJ HICKEY,
AND THE CONDITIONS IN CHIPPENDALE,
REDFERN AND WATERLOO

A BROADBRUSH APPROACH TO THOSE
CONDITIONS.

PROVIDE MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR
LONG TERM AND INTERGENERATIONAL
UNEMPLOYED SO THAT LOCAL KIDS HAVE
SUCCESSFUL ROLE MODELS OTHER THAN
DRUG DEALERS.

CONSISTENTLY AGGRESSIVE POLICE ACTION
AGAINST THE DEALERS IS ALSO NEEDED TO
REDUCE THEIR LOCAL DRUG BUSINESS (MULTIPLY
1 MILLION SYRINGES BY THE PRICE OF ONE HIT)
THE ASSOCIATED VIOLENCE AND TO REDUCE
THEIR STATUS AND LOCAL INFLUENCE.

ARRESTING DRUG DEALERS WILL FORCE USERS
TO SEEK NEW SUPPLIERS. LACK OF QUALITY
CONTROL PUTS USERS AT RISK OF OVERDOSE.

POLICE ACTION SHOULD BE CO-ORDINATED WITH HEALTH SERVICES, IN PARTICULAR NARCOTIC TREATMENT.

A SAFE INJECTION ROOM WOULD HELP GET RID OF SHOOTING GALLERIES WHICH ARE A SOURCE OF INCOME FOR DEALERS, A SOURCE OF STREET VIOLENCE AND PART OF THE RAT RUN ESCAPE ROUTES USED BY VIOLENT OFFENDERS.

ULTIMATELY DECRIMINALISING AND MEDICINISING DRUG USE WILL RESOLVE THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THIS AREA HAS ARISEN. PLEASE DON'T SHUFFLE DECK CHAIRS.

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