INQUIRY INTO DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT

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Re: NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into drug and alcohol treatment

Dear Director,

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) welcomes the invitation to make a submission to the NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into drug and alcohol treatment.

The ANCD has and continues to support increasing the availability of a range of diverse, evidence-based treatment options for people with drug or alcohol problems.

To assist the Standing Committee in its inquiries the ANCD is forwarding copies of a number of relevant research papers and reports, on the enclosed USB drive. The numbers in parentheses indicate their relevance to the inquiry's terms of reference.

• Rodas A, Bode A, Dolan K (2012). *Supply, demand and harm reduction strategies in Australian Prisons: An update.* ANCD research paper no. 23. ANCD, Canberra. (See sections on New South Wales). (1)

• Gray D, Stearne A, Wilson M, Doyle M (2010). *Indigenous-specific alcohol and other drug interventions: Continuities, changes and areas of greatest need.* ANCD research paper no. 20. ANCD, Canberra. (2)

• Chalmers J, Ritter A, Heffernan M, McDonnell G (2009). Modelling pharmacotherapy maintenance in Australia: exploring affordability, availability, accessibility, and quality using system dynamics. ANCD research paper no. 19. ANCD, Canberra. (2)

• Roche AM, Pidd K, Bywood P, Duraisingam V, Steenson T, Freeman T, Nicholas R (2007). *Drug testing in schools: evidence, impacts and alternatives.* ANCD research paper no. 16. ANCD, Canberra.

(See Chapter 8 for information on school-based drug and alcohol interventions). (5)

- Pritchard E, Mugavin J, Swan A (2007). *Compulsory treatment in Australia*. ANCD research paper no. 14. ANCD, Canberra. (3)
- Australian National Council on Drugs (2012). *Naltrexone Sustained Release Preparations (Injectable and Implants) Position Statement*. ANCD, Canberra. (1)
- Australian National Council on Drugs (2012). *Expanding Naloxone Availability*. ANCD, Canberra. (6)
- Australian National Council on Drugs (2009).*The burden of submission writing and reporting for alcohol and other drug non-government organisations*. ANCD, Canberra. (2)
- Australian National Council on Drugs (2007). *Allocation of resources to alcohol, tobacco and other drug treatment services: A review of the literature*. ANCD, Canberra. (2)
- Australian National Council on Drugs (2012). *First Recovery Roundtable Report*. ANCD, Canberra. (1; 6)

In addition, there are several forthcoming ANCD publications which are relevant to the Inquiry's terms of reference, which we expect to be completed and available prior to the completion of the Inquiry. These include:

- School Principal's Survey (5)
- Youth Drug and Alcohol Survey (5)
- Effectiveness of residential treatment models (literature review) (1)

We trust these documents will be useful to the Standing Committee in preparing its Inquiry.

Yours Sincerely

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