**Tasmanian Drug Strategy 2021-2027 Summary Paper**

**Vision**

**A Tasmania where people make healthy choices when it comes to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs use, and can access support where and when they need it**

**Aim**

**To prevent and reduce the health, economic and social costs and harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs use in Tasmania**

**Principles**

A commitment to listen to people who are directly affected by ATODs use and harms, to build upon and use data and the evidence, and to continue to support the National Drug Strategy harm minimisation approach and actions under the three pillars of supply, demand and harm reduction.

**Strategic Objectives**

* Significantly improve the health of Tasmanians by reducing the number who smoke, drink alcohol at risky levels, use prescribed drugs inappropriately or use illicit drugs

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| * Improve individual and community safety | * Restrict and/or regulate availability |
| * Improve integration of strategic policy responses across Government | * Improve integration of treatment responses |
| * Improve data collection, collation and sharing | * Support preventative and developmental approaches |

**Specific population groups**

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| * Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples | * Older people |
| * Children and young people including children whose parents used ATODS | * People living in rural or remote areas |
| * People experiencing family and domestic violence | * People at risk or experiencing homelessness |
| * People in or leaving the criminal justice system * People with co-occurring conditions | * People from culturally and linguistically diverse communities * Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer + |

**Action Areas**

**Evidence-base**

Build the evidence-base to support strategic planning, policy development and evaluation

**Community information** Increase understanding of the drivers of ATOD-related risk and harms

**Intervention and treatment**

Expand access to best-practice interventions and treatment services

**Pharmaceutical drugs**

Control availability, and promote safer use of pharmaceutical drugs

**Illicit drugs**

Reduce the supply of, and the risks and harms associated with illicit drugs use

**Alcohol**

Work together to create a Tasmania where people can make health choices around alcohol use

**Tobacco**

Prevent and minimise tobacco use

**Community information**

* 1. Redevelop the ATOD PPEI Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan
  2. Develop and implement a whole-of-government cross agency and inter-organisational Work Plan to improve ATOD health literacy
  3. Ensure all Tasmanian schools access and use developmentally appropriate evidence-informed school drug education information and resources such as the Australian Government’s Positive Choices website [Positive Choices: Drug and Alcohol Education](https://positivechoices.org.au/)

**Alcohol**

2.1 Develop a new Tasmanian Alcohol Action Plan with a focus on legislation and regulation; restrictions on advertising and promotion; online liquor sales and delivery; price mechanisms; raising community awareness;

2.2 Develop and implement a Tasmanian FASD Action Plan in response to the National FASD Action Plan

**Tobacco**

3.1 Continue to support strategies to reduce smoking prevalence in Tasmania including the Tasmanian Tobacco Control Plan; Healthy Tasmania; No-One Left Behind 2018-2021; Smoke-Free Young People 2019-2022 and the National Tobacco Strategy

**Pharmaceutical drugs**

4.1 Develop a Pharmaceutical Drugs Misuse Action Plan with a focus on opioid prescribing; overdose prevention; benzodiazepine prescribing; pain management; supporting prescribers and pharmacists; legislation and regulations; data, research and evaluation

**Evidence-base**

7.1 Develop a whole-of-government cross agency and inter-organisational Work Plan to increase the collection, collation, sharing and reporting of ATOD data across agencies, service systems and the community

7.2 Enhance the overdose register within the Coroner’s Court, DoJ

**Interventions and treatment**

6.1 Support the implementation of the Reform Agenda for the AOD sector in Tasmania [here](https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/mentalhealth/alcohol_and_drug/reform_agenda_for_ads)

6.2 Support increasing access to alcohol and drug diversion programs

6.3 Expand access to ATOD counsellors and programs within the Tasmanian Prison Service

**Illicit drugs**

5.1 Develop an Illicit Drugs Action Plan with a focus on disrupting, dismantling, preventing and reducing supply in Tasmania; overdose prevention, e.g. access to Naloxone and Festival Guidelines; safer injecting and prevention of blood-borne infections e.g. Needle Syringe Programs;

5.2 Review the Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative

5.3 Assess current activities, opportunities and gaps for responding to illicit drug use, as well as non-medical pharmaceutical use and alcohol-related crime

**Activities**