

# Tasmanian Drug Strategy 2021-2027

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## The connection between the Tasmanian Drug Strategy and the Reform Agenda for the alcohol and other drugs sector in Tasmania

The TDS is a whole-of-government and whole-of-community strategic framework that aims to prevent and reduce the health, economic and social costs and harmful effects of ATOD use in Tasmania.

Its purpose is to provide the higher-level whole-of-government and whole-of-community strategic framework to guide collaborative action and activities across multiple agencies and organisations.

It also provides a guide for other agencies and organisations to use to consider the impacts of ATOD use and harm in their strategic policy responses.

The Reform Agenda, available [here](#), is specific to consumers/clients of the ATOD treatment sector in Tasmania and providers such as government, non-government or primary healthcare providers.

The aim of the Reform Agenda is to ensure Tasmanians affected by ATOD use have access to appropriate, timely, effective and quality ATOD services, supports and treatments.

The TDS will have a high-level focus on actions and activities that prevent and reduce the risks and harms associated with ATOD use through whole-of-government, whole-of-community, multi-agency, community sector and individual collaboration and coordinated approaches.

It will use a health-in-all-policies approach that acknowledges that individual health and wellbeing and

the choices individuals make are also influenced by factors outside individuals' control and that behaviours don't occur in isolation.

Recognising the importance of the ongoing provision of treatment, the TDS will include an action area specifically for intervention and treatment. Implementation of the Reform Agenda will be the key activity.

### Links between the TDS and Reform Agenda

The many connections between the TDS and the Reform Agenda include:

- Both recognise the National Drug Strategy 2017-2026 (NDS) and the three pillars of supply, demand and harm reduction as the overarching strategic policy.
- Both recognise the same specific population groups at higher risk. The Reform Agenda has a specific reform direction to ensure those groups can access appropriate treatment and support, where and when they need it.
- The TDS includes a commitment to listening to people directly affected by ATOD use and harms. The Reform Agenda includes a client/consumer-centred approach across the service system as reform direction 1.
- Both recognise the social determinants of health and the many social, socio-economic, cultural and environmental conditions that play a significant factor in individual ATOD use and recovery. The TDS has a much greater focus

on addressing those at a whole-of-government level, while the Reform Agenda acknowledges the importance of the need to also address those as part of treatment.

- Both acknowledge the importance of promotion and prevention, with both including an activity to redevelop the ATOD Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan.