
The ANCD's Terms of Reference are as follows:

The Australian National Council on Drugs will:

a. provide advice to the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy (MCDS) on the implementation and evaluation of the National Illicit Drug Strategy (NIDS) agreed by the Council of Australian Governments on 7 November 1997, including the allocation of NIDS funds, as appropriate;

b. provide independent strategic advice to Ministers on other drug-related issues;

c. where appropriate, drawing on the expertise of the National Expert Advisory Committees, ensure that ANCD policies, strategies and directions are consistent with the National Drug Strategic Framework;

d. work closely with the MCDS National Expert Advisory Committees and the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs to develop and implement effective strategies to address the misuse of alcohol and other drugs;

e. identify opportunities for collaboration by the MCDS National Expert Advisory Committees with other sectors, including industry and local government;

f. maintain effective communication with other stakeholders, including the Australian National Council on AIDS and Related Diseases, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Substance Misuse Committee and peak non-government organisations;

g. develop an annual work plan for the ANCD which prioritises the activities of the Council in terms of milestones, deliverables and outcomes, for endorsement by Ministers; and

h. report annually to the MCDS and the Prime Minister on progress against the work plan.