

The Prime Minister's 2011 Announcement

The Federal Government today announced the new membership of the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD). 

Prime Minister Julia Gillard welcomed the addition of several new members to the ANCD who will bring fresh perspectives on ways to reduce harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse.

They will join a number of experienced members of the ANCD - which will continue to be chaired by Dr John Herron.

The ANCD has played a crucial role as the Australian Government's principal advisory body on drug and alcohol misuse since its establishment in 1998.

Members of the ANCD come from a wide variety of backgrounds and have experience in areas covering law enforcement, the health and social welfare sectors and the community sector.

The ANCD brings a broad, whole-of-society perspective to drug and alcohol issues.

It has helped inform the development of several Government strategies and campaigns which have succeeded in reducing the rate of drug and alcohol misuse.

The Prime Minister said ANCD members, past and present, have made a valuable contribution in tackling the issues behind drug and alcohol misuse.

The Council's membership will next be reviewed in 2014.

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The full list of the ANCD's new membership and its Terms of Reference are below.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DRUGS MEMBERSHIP: 2011-2014

The following people have been appointed to the ANCD (2011-2014):

* Indicates new members

Chair of the Council

Dr John Herron

Executive Members

Associate Professor Robert Ali

Professor Margaret Hamilton

Mr Garth Popple

Members

Ms Donna Ah Chee *

Professor Steve Allsop *

Professor Jon Currie *

Ms Carrie Fowlie *

Magistrate Margaret Gill Harding *

Mr Nick Heath *

Ms Annie Madden *

Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan *

Mr Frank Quinlan (ex officio) *

Professor Dorothy Scott *

Assistant Commissioner Julian Slater *

Ms Sheree Vertigan (ex officio)

Mr Paul White *

Associate Professor Ted Wilkes

ANCD Terms of Reference 2011–2014

- a. Provide independent advice to the Prime Minister and Australian Government Ministers on national drug and alcohol strategies, policies, programs and emerging issues.
- b. Provide independent advice to the Prime Minister and the Australian Government on improving the implementation and effectiveness of efforts to reduce the supply, demand and harm from drugs in Australia and internationally.
- c. Provide independent and strategic advice to the Prime Minister and Australian Government Ministers on drug and alcohol issues specifically affecting Indigenous people.
- d. Provide assistance and advice on drug policy and services to Australian Government departments, inquiries and other bodies such as parliamentary parties, as appropriate.
- e. Consult and liaise with relevant sectors and in particular the non-government sector on drug and alcohol related issues.
- f. Inform and educate relevant sectors and the general public's knowledge on drug and alcohol related issues.
- g. Build and maintain partnerships across the range of sectors concerned in dealing with and addressing drug related issues.
- h. Work closely with the Inter-governmental Committee on Drugs and other National Drug Strategy partners to

develop and implement effective strategies, policies and programs to reduce the uptake and misuse of illicit and licit drugs.

i. Maintain effective liaison with other stakeholders, public health advisory bodies and relevant peak non-government organisations, including consumer representatives.

j. Develop a three year Work Plan for the Council.

k. Report annually to the Prime Minister on the work of the Council.