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The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) welcomes Drug Action Week 2002, an initiative of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA).

Chair of the ANCD, Major Brian Watters, said "The ANCD believes Drug Action Week is the perfect opportunity to positively recognise the tremendous work of individuals and organisations in the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector across Australia."

Referring to the ANCD's AOD agency forum in Cairns last week, Major Watters added "Several forum participants suggested that there needs to be more promotion and recognition for programs that have had positive results in dealing with AOD issues. Participants expressed concern that too often there is too much focus on the negative issues associated with AOD."

Major Watters concluded by stating "The ANCD would like to stress that the general public should be aware that prevention and treatment programs do work and people can turn their lives around to the benefit of themselves and the community."

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The Australian National Council on Drugs is the peak advisory body to Government on drug policy established by the Prime Minister in 1998.

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