



MEDIA ALERT

Pill Testing Australia in Hobart when NSW Coroner's Report into Festival Deaths tabled

Thursday, 7 November 2019

Pill Testing Australia co-founder and Harm Reduction Australia President Gino Vumbaca will be in Hobart on Friday, 8 November.

This is the same day that the New South Wales Coroner will officially table their Findings into Music Festival Deaths Report at 10am. The purported recommendations from this report were leaked in October and may include a recommendation to introduce drug checking at NSW festivals, alongside a range of other measures.

Pending the release of the recommendations of this report, Mr Vumbaca will be available to provide a response. He will be available between **1.30pm and 3.30pm on Friday, 8 November**. ATDC chief executive Alison Lai will also be available for interview.

All enquiries please contact ATDC chief executive Alison Lai on 0450 517 017.

Need a refresher on how drug checking works? ATDC's drug checking position statement can be viewed [here](#).

Who are the ATDC? The Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council of Tasmania is the peak body representing and supporting community organisations, and the people they assist, to reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harm for all Tasmanians.

Our vision is a Tasmania without alcohol, tobacco or other drug related harm or discrimination.

LANGUAGE MATTERS – Language is powerful, especially when discussing alcohol and other drugs and the people who use them. Stigmatising language reinforces negative stereotypes. "Person-centred" language focuses on the person, not their substance use.

When reporting on people who use alcohol and other drugs...	
Try this ☺	Not this ☹
Substance use, non-prescribed use	Abuse, misuse, problem use, non-compliant use
Person who uses drugs	Drug user, drug abuser
Person with a dependence on...	Addict, junkie, druggie, alcoholic
Person experiencing drug dependence	Suffering from addiction, has a drug habit
Person who has stopped using drugs	Clean, sober, drug-free
Person with lived experience of drug dependence	Ex-addict, former addict, used to be a...
Please see the attached Language matters resource attached or at: www.nada.org.au/resources/language-matters/	