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KEY FINDINGS— AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program—Report 15

The Program found that, compared to April 2021, of the substances tested in August 2021 in the Australian Capital Territory:

- There was one capital city site monitored in the Australian Capital Territory in August 2021.
- Average alcohol consumption increased.
- Average nicotine consumption increased.
- Average methylamphetamine consumption decreased.
- Average cocaine consumption decreased.
- Average MDMA consumption decreased. Average consumption in August 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average MDA excretion decreased. Average excretion of MDA in August 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average heroin consumption increased.
- Average oxycodone consumption decreased.
- Average fentanyl consumption decreased.
- Average cannabis consumption increased. Average consumption in October 2021 was the highest on record.
- Average ketamine excretion decreased.

National comparison—August 2021:

- The Australian Capital Territory did not have the highest or second highest capital city or regional consumption of any drug type in the nation.

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Note to editors

In accordance with current wastewater analysis conventions, the terms of the contract, and to protect the integrity of the program, the exact locations are not able to be publicly released by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission. To maintain the confidentiality of the participating site, each site was allocated a unique code to de-identify their results, however trends in particular states and territories are still able to be identified.