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KEY FINDINGS—TASMANIA

National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program—Report 15

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

- There were 5 sites monitored in Tasmania in August 2021—3 capital city sites and 2 regional sites.
- Average alcohol consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average nicotine consumption increased in capital city sites and decreased in regional sites.
- Average methylamphetamine consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average cocaine consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average MDMA consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites. Average capital city consumption in October 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average MDA excretion remained relatively stable in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average heroin consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average oxycodone consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites. Average capital city consumption in October 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average fentanyl consumption increased in capital city sites and decreased in regional sites. Average capital city consumption in October 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average cannabis consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average ketamine excretion decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites.

National comparison—August 2021:

- Tasmania had the second highest average capital city consumption of alcohol and nicotine.
- Tasmania had the second highest average capital city and regional consumption of MDMA.
- Tasmania had the second highest average capital city excretion of MDA.
- Tasmania had the highest capital city consumption of oxycodone and fentanyl.
- Tasmania had the second highest capital city consumption of cannabis.

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- Tasmania had the highest average regional excretion of ketamine.

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.

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