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KEY FINDINGS— QUEENSLAND

National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program—Report 16

The Program found that of the substances tested in December 2021 and February 2022 in Queensland:

- There were 11 sites monitored in Queensland in December 2021—3 capital city sites and 8 regional sites.
- Average alcohol consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites. Average capital city consumption in February 2022 was the highest on record.
- Average nicotine consumption increased in capital city sites and decreased in regional sites.
- Average methylamphetamine consumption increased in capital city sites and decreased in regional sites. Average regional consumption in December 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average cocaine consumption decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites.
- Average MDMA consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average MDA excretion decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites. Average capital city excretion in December 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average heroin consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average oxycodone consumption decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites.
- Average fentanyl consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites. Average capital city consumption in February 2022 and regional consumption in December 2021 were the lowest on record.
- Average cannabis consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average ketamine excretion decreased in both capital city and regional sites.

National comparison—December 2021:

- Queensland had the second highest average regional consumption of cocaine.
- Queensland had the highest average capital city consumption and second highest average regional consumption of MDMA.

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- Queensland had the second 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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