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KEY FINDINGS— VICTORIA

National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program—Report 16

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

- There were 10 sites monitored in Victoria in December 2021—2 capital city sites and 8 regional sites.
- Average alcohol consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average nicotine consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average methylamphetamine consumption increased 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 MDA excretion increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average heroin consumption decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites.
- Average oxycodone consumption decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites.
- Average fentanyl consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average cannabis consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average ketamine excretion increased in both capital city and regional sites.

National comparison—December 2021:

- Victoria had the second highest average regional consumption of nicotine.
- Victoria had the second highest average regional consumption of methylamphetamine.
- Victoria had the second highest average capital city consumption of cocaine.
- Victoria had the highest average capital city excretion of MDA.
- Victoria had the highest average capital city consumption and second highest regional consumption of heroin.

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- Victoria had the highest average regional consumption of oxycodone.
- Victoria had the second highest average regional consumption of fentanyl.
- Victoria had the highest average regional and capital city 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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