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KEY FINDINGS— AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program—Report 16

The Program found that of the substances tested in December 2021 and February 2022 in the Australian Capital Territory:

- There was one capital city site monitored in the Australian Capital Territory in December 2021 and February 2022.
- Average alcohol consumption increased.
- Average nicotine consumption increased.
- Average methylamphetamine consumption increased.
- Average cocaine consumption increased.
- Average MDMA consumption increased.
- Average MDA excretion increased. Average excretion in February 2022 was the lowest on record.
- Average heroin consumption increased.
- Average oxycodone consumption increased.
- Average fentanyl consumption increased.
- Average cannabis consumption decreased.
- Average ketamine excretion increased.

National comparison—December 2021:

- The Australian Capital Territory had the second highest capital city consumption of heroin.
- The Australian Capital Territory had the second highest capital city consumption of oxycodone.

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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.

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