This report covers approximately 51 per cent of Australia’s population—about 12.6 million Australians.

Methamphetamine remains the highest consumed illicit drug tested across all regions in Australia, though nationally there was a slight reduction.

Compared with methamphetamine, consumption of other stimulants was generally much lower.

Oxycodone and fentanyl consumption (licit and illicit) across all jurisdictions continues at concerning levels.

Consumption levels for tested new psychoactive substances confirm this remains a niche market.

Alcohol and tobacco remain highest consumed substances in all states and territories.

NT and Tas declined to participate*

*Operators of wastewater facilities in Tasmania and the Northern Territory declined to participate in the collection of samples during the period covered by this report.
METHYLAMPHETAMINE CONSUMPTION

Highest levels in SA and WA.

Capital city consumption exceeded regional sites.

COCAINE CONSUMPTION

While capital city NSW levels dominated the national landscape, ACT, Vic and regional Qld sites showed higher levels compared to other states.

Consumption in capital city locations was on average almost double that of regional sites.

MDMA CONSUMPTION

Consumption in ACT increased significantly in Dec 2016, before reducing to a relatively low level in Feb 2017.

CONSUMPTION OF OTHER SUBSTANCES

Tobacco levels in Qld and WA are the highest across the nation.

SA and ACT capital city sites showed higher than average oxycodone levels.

NSW, SA and Qld regional sites had higher than average fentanyl levels.

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