Terms of Reference

Drugs of Dependence (Personal Use) Amendment Bill 2021

The Committee’s inquiry will include an examination of the Bill’s provisions as well as any other related matters, including:

1. best practice policy approaches and responses undertaken in other jurisdictions, including internationally, to reduce harm and societal impacts from drugs;
2. the health, criminal justice and social impacts of current policy and legislation approaches to drug use in the ACT (including the ACT government’s *ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan 2018-2021*);
3. the adequacy and implementation of the ACT government’s current funding commitments to support drug control and harm reduction;
4. opportunities and challenges for community-based and community-controlled organisations, programs and initiatives to reduce harm from drugs (for example a clinically supervised drug consumption site in the ACT);
5. issues specific to the drug rehabilitation and service sector (covering alcohol and other drug services) including the following:
6. identifying current strengths and weaknesses in the sector;
7. assessing current and future demands; and
8. recommending services, referral pathways and funding models that will better meet people’s needs;
9. the availability, access and implementation of best practice drug education material to enable and support prevention, early intervention, and community safety.