

## LEGALISE CANNABIS & SAFER DRUG USE

**Our plan to reform drug laws to reduce harm and save lives.**

The Greens will legalise and regulate cannabis, and adopt a health-based approach to drug use by introducing pill testing, expanding safe injecting rooms, funding drug and alcohol treatment, and fully funding opioid agonist therapy.

Our health approach meets the reality that many people in our community use drugs; and our plan ensures we minimise harm, save lives, and save money.

### **THE GREENS WILL:**

- ▲ **Legalise, tax and regulate cannabis.**
- ▲ **Fund pill testing at festivals and 14 new pill testing sites in the community**
- ▲ **Invest \$39.4 million to expand safe injecting facilities in each capital city**
- ▲ **Double Commonwealth Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment funding to \$900 million**
- ▲ **Fully fund opioid agonist therapy**

## PAYING FOR OUR PLAN

By making billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share of tax and winding back handouts to big polluters, we can build a better life for all of us.

1 in 3 big corporations pays no tax and many big corporations and billionaires send their profits offshore tax free.

The Greens will tax billionaires with a new 'billionaires tax', require big corporations making excessive profits to pay a 'corporate super-profits tax', and axe billions of dollars in handouts to the coal, oil and gas giants that are driving the climate crisis.

When big corporations and billionaires pay their fair share, everyone can have the services they need for a better life.

## LEGALISE AND REGULATE CANNABIS

The Greens have a plan to regulate, tax and legalise cannabis for adults in Australia.

The prohibition model on cannabis has failed.

Millions of Australians use cannabis every year. People are buying cannabis in an unregulated system where the strength and quality of the product is unknown, and many people do not feel able to seek health support if they need it.

Our plan recognises that prohibition causes more harm than good.

By legalising cannabis, a regulated industry can be established. This will ensure adults are able to obtain cannabis of known quality, and allow those who need support for intervention or problematic use are able to get the health support they need.

This will raise \$4.4 Billion over the estimates period.

Our plan to legalise cannabis will:

1. Allow growth of up to six plants at home for personal use for people aged over 18.
2. Establish an Australian Cannabis Agency to issue licenses for production and sale, and to act as the single wholesaler.
3. Establish cannabis retail shops where products of known quality will be sold in plain packaging to people over the age of 18.
4. Ban advertising of cannabis products.
5. Impose penalties for the unlicensed sale of cannabis.

## FUND PILL TESTING

Large numbers of people in Australia choose to consume party drugs of unknown quality and content.

Many countries around the world run facilities where pills can be tested for risky and dangerous compounds – pill testing is saving lives and helping people to make informed choices.

The Greens are committing \$20.3 million to establish free and accessible pill testing at music festivals and in the community. Between 2022 and 2026, we will establish 14 new drug testing sites in capital cities and regional areas. As part of this service, drug and alcohol workers will offer people consultations about the content of the drugs that have been tested.

We will also establish a new drug monitoring system that will tell people what is known about the contents of pills that are in the community and in the market.

We will continue to campaign for no more sniffer dog use at festivals.

## FUND ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT

Fewer than half of all people who seek alcohol and drug treatment are able to access what they need. To address this problem, we need to invest in treatment services and our workforce.

The Greens will double Commonwealth Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) funding to \$900 million over three years. This will go some way towards

fixing the imbalance between expenditure on law enforcement and treatment services, and provide certainty to treatment providers.

We will also work in partnership with the Alcohol and Other Drugs sector to develop an updated National Alcohol and other Drug Workforce Development Strategy, with dedicated resources and governance structures to ensure its effective implementation and oversight.

## EXPAND SAFE INJECTING FACILITIES

Safe injecting facilities are dedicated spaces where illicit drugs can be used in the presence of healthcare professionals. These facilities are effective at reducing some of the harms of drug use.

There are currently safe injecting facilities in Sydney and Melbourne. These facilities have saved lives, minimised injury and provided people with a path to health care and social services.

The Greens will invest \$39.4 million to establish one new safe injecting facility in each capital city. This will be informed by a scoping study to determine the areas of greatest need and suitable locations.

## FULLY FUND OPIOID AGONIST THERAPY

Opioid dependency is a complex health condition that requires long-term treatment, support and care.

Opioid agonist therapy, including methadone, buprenorphine, and buprenorphine with naloxone, is an effective measure for supporting those who are recovering from problematic opioid use.

It can cost up to \$4,000 a year for people to access these life-saving therapies. Such high costs are a significant barrier to accessing opioid agonist therapy.

Under our plan, the Commonwealth will provide \$690 million over the forward estimates to the states and territories to cover the cost of dispensing fees for all patients.

By removing these financial barriers, everyone who needs it can access this life saving treatment.

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