

Drugs Destroy Lives

- Illicit drug use is eating at the fabric of our society destroying the lives of those who use them and their families.
- Illicit drug use is endemic in Australian society with cannabis in widespread use and cocaine and meth-amphetamine use on the rise as is evident in our daily papers.
- Illicit drug use is a key driver of crime, particularly violent crime, both as a consequence of drug use and as a means of procuring drug or funds to purchase them.
- The link between drug use and mental illness is now well established and this has serious social and economic consequences for our community.
- Family First is committed to drug education programs for children from the earliest years of school and throughout their schooling.
- We are committed to supporting programs focussed on rehabilitation and recovery for users and for prison based programs to address drug use. We reject injecting rooms, recognising them to be an expensive and ineffective means of responding to those with drug addictions.
- We are committed to supporting police and border enforcement programs which combat the supply chain and to harsh sentencing provisions for those who trade in illicit drugs.