1. Queenslanders consume alcohol at risky levels, smoke tobacco daily and use other drugs including illegal drugs at levels which exceed national rates.
2. While not everyone who uses these drugs will become dependent, many experience harms which can have a significant impact on their mental and physical health and their ability to contribute to the community. In Queensland drug use accounts for an estimated 4,300 deaths and more than 65,000 hospital admissions each year with the alcohol and tobacco use contributing to the majority of physical health conditions and death. Families and communities are also impacted with problematic alcohol and other drug use associated with child protection issues, domestic and family violence, community safety and lost productivity.
3. The *Queensland Alcohol and Other Drugs Action Plan 2015–17* (the Action Plan) aims to prevent and reduce the adverse impact of alcohol and other drugs on the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders. It outlines actions under the three priority areas in line with the *National Drug Strategy 2010-2015* and its 2016-2025 revised draft:
* Demand reduction — preventing and reducing the number of Queenslanders using drugs and supporting recovery. Actions include: a multi-media education campaign to influence Queenslanders’ relationship with alcohol, further expanding smoke-free zones; establishing additional Drug and Alcohol Brief Intervention Teams at Logan, Townsville and Rockhampton in response to issues arising from the use of crystal meth/amphetamine (ice)
* Supply reduction — reducing harmful access to legal drugs and access to illegal drugs. Actions include: working with communities to encourage reporting of organised criminal activity and enhancing the Responsible Service of Alcohol in Queensland.
* Harm reduction — reducing harm related to drug use. Actions include: developing a framework for diversionary courts which considers the relationship between alcohol and drug use and offending, child protection and family violence; and providing additional front-line responses in Cooktown, Weipa, Logan, the Gold Coast and Rockhampton.
1. Reform will be continuing with the Queensland Mental Health Commission reviewing the Action Plan after twelve months to align it to the new National Drug Strategy and the National Ice Strategy due to be finalised in 2016.
2. Cabinet endorsed that the *Queensland Alcohol and Other Drugs Action Plan 2015–2017* be publicly released.
3. *Attachments*
* [*Queensland Alcohol and Other Drugs Action Plan 2015–17*](Attachments/Plan.PDF)