



Drug Policy Modelling Program Research Symposium

Thursday, 20th June 2013, 10am – 4pm
 The National Portrait Gallery, King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600
 Room: Liangis Theatre

9.45	Registration	
10.00	Welcome	Professor Alison Ritter
10.10	Australian governments' expenditure on illicit drugs in 2010: Treatment, law enforcement, prevention and harm reduction	Professor Alison Ritter
10.40	Disrupting drug trafficking networks: Identifying the hidden key actors	Dr David Bright
11.10	<i>Break</i>	
11.30	Evaluating the role of drug user organisations in Australian drug policy processes: Findings from <i>TrackMarks</i>	Ms Annie Madden
12.00	The impact of precursor chemical regulations on drug user behaviour and treatment outcomes: Exploring mechanisms of change	Dr Ingrid McGuffog
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
1.15	PANEL: A National Opioid Overdose Management Strategy	Panel facilitators: Ms Carrie Fowlie & Mr David McDonald
2.30	<i>Break</i>	
2.45	Deemed supply in Australian drug trafficking laws	Dr Caitlin Hughes & Nicholas Cowdery AM QC
3.15	Real or perceived impediments to minimum pricing of alcohol in Australia: Public opinion, the industry and the law	Dr Jenny Chalmers
3.45	Close	

Speaker Bios

Professor Alison Ritter, Director, DPMP, NDARC, UNSW

Professor Alison Ritter is a leading drug policy researcher and Director of the Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP) at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) at the University of New South Wales. She is an NHMRC Senior Research Fellow (2012 to 2016) leading a collaborative, multi-disciplinary program of research on drug policy. The goal of the work is to advance drug policy through improving the evidence-base, translating research and studying policy processes. She is the President of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Vice-President of the Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia and an Editor for a number of journals, including *Drug and Alcohol Review*, and the *International Journal of Drug Policy*.

Dr David Bright, Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, UNSW

Dr David Bright is a Lecturer in Criminology with the School of Social Sciences at the University of New South Wales, Australia. Prior to his current appointment, David was a Research Fellow at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, where he worked on a number of research projects related to illicit drug policy. David's current research interests include offender rehabilitation and treatment, offender recidivism, illicit drugs and crime, law enforcement effectiveness, criminal networks and organised crime.

Annie Madden, Executive Officer, Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL)

Annie Madden is the Executive Officer of the Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL) which is the national peak body for state/territory drug user organisations and represents people who use/have used illicit drugs including drug treatment consumers at the national level. Annie has been working in the areas of illicit drug use, blood borne viruses, AOD treatment and drug user representation for over 20 years. She is well-published and has an extensive background in research, policy development and service delivery.

Dr Ingrid McGuffog, Associate Lecturer, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Griffith University

Ingrid completed a Master of Social Science degree in research methods & sociology in 1994 and has spent a number of years in private consulting undertaking survey design and analysis, and program evaluation. In addition she has undertaken research and published in the fields of public health, criminology and evaluation. Ingrid submitted her doctoral dissertation titled, 'Drug Use and Drug Control: The Impact of Drug Precursor Regulations on Drug User Behaviour', in December 2012. She is currently employed as an Associate Lecturer in the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, at Griffith University and is a visiting Research Fellow at the Institute for Social Science Research at the University of Queensland. Her research interests include: sociology of drugs & crime, epidemiological criminology, drug policy, evaluation science and research methods.

Ms Carrie Fowlie, Executive Officer, Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA)

Carrie Fowlie has held diverse roles in both the alcohol, tobacco and other drug and youth sectors in the areas of workforce development, social policy development, coordination and representation. In recent years she has worked collaboratively with stakeholders to establish the new ACT alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector peak body, for which she is now the Executive Officer. Among other appointments, she is a current member of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Board, the Centre for Youth Substance Abuse Research Advisory Board and the chair of the Implementing Expanded Naloxone Availability in the ACT (I-ENAACT) Committee. She has also held several ACT Ministerial appointments, including those focused on police, crime prevention and Legal Aid. Carrie has worked for social justice, in reconciliation, with Stolen Generations members and in community development. Her work in the youth sector spanned a range of areas including alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, professional ethics, carers, participation, and public space - resulting in her being awarded the ACT Outstanding Contributions to Young People Award.

Mr David McDonald, Director, Social Research and Evaluation Pty Ltd

David McDonald is the Director of Social Research & Evaluation Pty Ltd. David is a social scientist with research interests in public health and criminology, particularly alcohol and other drugs policy and better understanding the research-policy nexus. As well as being a Consultant in Social Research and Evaluation, he is a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University's National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, and a member of the Drug Policy Modelling Program research team. In 2009 David was the recipient of the Outstanding Contributions Award in the ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards Program, and in 2011 he was inducted into the National Drug and Alcohol Honour Roll and was made a Life Member of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia.

Dr Caitlin Hughes, Research Fellow, DPMP, NDARC, UNSW

Dr Caitlin Hughes is a criminologist and Research Fellow for the Drug Policy Modelling Program who has spent eleven years undertaking research into illicit drug policy. Dr Hughes's prime focus is improving the understanding of the effects of different legislative regimes and law enforcement approaches. She has led a number of projects into Australian legal thresholds for drug trafficking, including a project for the Criminology Research Council with Professor Ritter and Nicholas Cowdery.

Nicholas Cowdery AM QC, Faculty of Law, Visiting Professorial Fellow, UNSW

Nicholas Cowdery AM QC is the former NSW Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), where he spent sixteen years (1994-2011) leading the largest prosecuting agency in Australia. Prior to his appointment as NSW DPP, Mr Cowdery spent nearly 20 years in private practice at the Sydney Bar, largely in criminal law. He became a visiting professorial fellow at the UNSW Faculty of Law in 2011 and has collaborated with Dr Hughes and Professor Ritter since 2012 on the issue of drug trafficking thresholds.

Dr Jenny Chalmers, Senior Research Fellow, DPMP, NDARC, UNSW

Jenny Chalmers is an applied economist with extensive experience in the application of academic research to the formulation of policy advice in a range of policy arenas including social policy, employment policy and drug and alcohol policy. She is currently engaged in an NDLERF funded project on illicit drug trafficking and a project on alcohol pricing reform. Together with John Murphy, Suellen Murray, Sonia Martin and Greg Marston she recently published 'Half a Citizen: Life on Welfare in Australia' (Allen and Unwin). Jenny has previously worked with the Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW and the Centre for Applied Social Research at RMIT University.