



Have Your Say: Upcoming Alcohol and Other Drugs Consultation January – March 2023

The Department of Health, Tasmania and Primary Health Tasmania are collaborating to share information about upcoming consultations to further inform how we can better deliver accessible and appropriate alcohol and other drug (AOD) supports, services and education in Tasmania. We understand that community members, staff, volunteers, clients, and support people operating within the AOD sector have already been generous with their time and views when it comes to talking about how to do this. To make the most of your time, we have outlined upcoming consultation activities so you can choose when, where and how you would like to have your say when it comes to changes that impact you, the sector you work within and the people you support.

Tasmanian Drug Strategy Final Consultation

Overview:

The Department of Health, Tasmania, on behalf of the Tasmanian Government, is developing the new [Tasmanian Drug Strategy 2023-2028](#) (TDS). The TDS will provide a whole-of-government and whole-of-community framework designed to enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of all Tasmanians. To date, a range of consultations have taken place, including with key stakeholders in 2021, and broad public consultation from May – July 2022 through an online community survey. Due to public interest, the Tasmanian Government will hold a final public consultation period from January – March 2023. This will consist of an online community survey via the Department of Health, Tasmania website and face-to-face community consultation workshops. Following this consultation period, the Strategy will be re-drafted for planned release in mid-2023.

Key dates:

Description	Date(s)
Final draft TDS released online for statewide community consultation	Jan – 1 March 2023

Face-to-face, statewide public consultation workshops	End Feb 2023
Final TDS 2023-2028 released	June 2023

Reform Agenda for the AOD Treatment Sector ‘Next Steps’ Consultation

Overview:

In 2020, the Tasmanian Government released its 10-year plan for reforming the AOD treatment sector in Tasmania (the [AOD Reform Agenda](#)). Since this time, the Government has committed \$7.4 million over two years to commence five AOD Reform Agenda projects within the sector. The Department of Health, Tasmania, on behalf of the Tasmanian Government, wants to hear from participants within the AOD treatment sector to understand which of the remaining key actions will be taken forward into the 2023-24 Implementation Plan. The Department of Health, Tasmania will do this by speaking with sector representatives on two occasions: first in February 2023 and again in March 2023.

Key dates:

Description	Date(s)
Stage 1 - February Consultation (small focus groups and team meetings held online)	Feb 2023
Stage 2 - March Consultation (three large regional workshops held in the North, North-West and South of the State)	March 2023
Stage 3 - 2023-24 Implementation Plan and 2024-25 Investment Brief drafted	June – July 2023

Primary Health Tasmania’s AOD Commissioning Consultation

Overview:

Primary Health Tasmania (Tasmanian Primary Health Network) is tasked by the Australian Government Department of Health with the planning and commissioning of federally funded AOD treatment services in Tasmania. Primary Health Tasmania currently commissions four organisations to deliver AOD initiatives across the State.

From December 2022, Primary Health Tasmania will undertake consultation with its commissioned AOD service providers and Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations to inform the commissioning of federally funded AOD programs beyond 30 June 2023.

Key dates:

Description	Date(s)
Stage 1 - Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations Consultation	Dec 2022 - Feb 2023
Stage 2 – Commissioned AOD Service Provider Consultation	Feb 2023

What do I need to know?

	Tasmanian Drug Strategy – Final Consultation	AOD Reform Agenda – Stage 1	AOD Reform Agenda – Stage 2	PHT Commissioning
Who?	Anyone from the community who has an interest in AOD planning and action.	People with lived and living experience (clients and support people), representatives from specialist government and non-government AOD services, primary health care (including GPs), private sector, Emergency Department/s, Statewide Mental Health Services, Tasmania Police, Department of Justice and identified specific population groups.	People with living and lived experience (clients and support people), representatives from specialist government and non-government AOD services, primary health care (including GPs), private sector providers, Statewide Mental Health Services and identified specific population groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations . Primary Health Tasmania’s commissioned AOD service providers.
What?	The Department of Health, Tasmania is consulting on the final draft of the Tasmanian Drug Strategy. This will be the last community consultation before release in mid-2023.	The Department of Health, Tasmania is consulting to reintroduce the AOD Reform Agenda and to hear about the community’s priorities in implementing AOD Reform Agenda key actions.	The Department of Health, Tasmania is leading a second round of consultation to discuss the findings from Stage One Consultation and how we implement the remaining key actions within the AOD Reform Agenda.	<p>Primary Health Tasmania is consulting with its commissioned AOD service providers and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek feedback on appropriate elements of service design. Understand treatment activities and commence development of a consistent taxonomy.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine priorities and identify areas of change and development to service models. • Identify performance measures to contribute to improved health and wellbeing outcomes. • Understand AOD treatment priorities for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and develop service models of care.
Where?	North, Northwest, and South (locations to be announced).	North, Northwest, and South (online targeted focus groups).	North, Northwest, and South (locations to be announced).	Statewide.
When?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Community Survey: Jan to Mar 2023. • Statewide Community Consultation Workshops: end Feb 2023. 	Early to mid-February 2023.	Early to mid-March 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Survey with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations: early Dec 2022. • In-person meetings: Jan to Feb 2023.
How?	Online Community Survey and Statewide Community Consultation Workshops.	Small Focus Groups via Team Meetings.	Consultation Workshops.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey and in person meetings with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. • In-person meetings with commissioned AOD service providers.
Why?	To inform the final Tasmanian Drug Strategy 2023-2028 for release in mid-2023.	<p>To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reintroduce the AOD Reform Agenda and progress made to date. • Understand sector priorities from the remaining key actions in the AOD Reform Agenda to take forward into the implementation plan for 2023-24.. 	<p>To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore next steps in the implementation of the AOD Reform Agenda. • Inform the development of the 2023-24 AOD Reform Agenda Implementation Plan and 2024-25 Investment Brief. 	To inform Primary Health Tasmania's commissioning of AOD services beyond 30 June 2023.

How can I find out more?

If you would like to participate, or seek more information about any of the consultation activities above, you can contact:

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We will be in touch with further communications. Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support for this important work.