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This project report and the final project report from the TSU Project: Phase One are both available on the AIVL website at: www.aivl.org.au

❖ Objectives of the Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL)

The Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL) is the national peak organisation for the state and territory drug user organisations and represents issues of national significance for people who use illicit drugs and people on opioid pharmacotherapies.

The organisational philosophy of AIVL is user-centred and peer-based with the dual aims of reducing drug-related harm and promoting and protecting the health and human rights of people who use/have used illicit drugs.

AIVL operates within a health promotion framework as articulated in the *Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion* (1986). With this overall framework in mind, AIVL undertakes a broad range of health promotion and disease prevention activities and programs.

One of the primary aims of the organisation is to prevent and reduce the transmission of blood-borne viruses — such as hepatitis B and C and HIV — among people who inject illicit drugs, and to ameliorate the negative impact of such conditions among those already infected.

In addition to disease prevention activities, AIVL also works to promote the provision of high-quality, accessible and relevant services to people who use/have used illicit drugs throughout Australia, including drug treatment services.

Although AIVL represents and addresses issues affecting all illicit drug users and people on opioid pharmacotherapies, AIVL and its member organisations maintain a priority focus on injecting drug users and injecting drug user issues due to the higher levels of harm and marginalisation routinely experienced by people who inject drugs.

AIVL believes that people who use illicit drugs and those on opioid pharmacotherapies have the right to be treated with dignity and respect and to be able to live their lives free from discrimination, stigma and health and human rights violations.

Further information about the aims, objectives and work of AIVL can be found at: www.aivl.org.au

Abbreviations

ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ADCA	Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia
AIVL	Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League
ANCD	Australian National Council on Drugs
AOD	alcohol and other drugs
APSAD	Australasian Professional Society for Alcohol and Other Drugs
APSU	Association of Participating Service Users
ATCA	Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association
ATODS	alcohol, tobacco and other drugs services
BBV	blood-borne virus
CDHA	Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing
CHF	Consumers' Health Forum of Australia
DHS	Department of Human Services Victoria
DoHA	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
DPMP	Drug Policy Modelling Program
EOI	Expressions of Interest
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HREC	Human Research Ethics Committee
HRV	Harm Reduction Victoria (formerly VIVAIDS)
IGCD	Inter-Governmental Committee on Drugs
MHCA	Mental Health Council of Australia
NADA	New South Wales Alcohol and Other Drugs Association

NAMHS	Northern Area Mental Health Service
NCETA	National Centre in Education and Training on Addiction
NCHSR	National Centre in HIV Social Research
NCOSS	New South Wales Council of Social Services
NGO	non-government organisation
NRCCPH	National Resource Centre for Consumer Participation in Health
NSW	New South Wales
NUAA	New South Wales Users and AIDS Association
ORPACS	Opioid Replacement Pharmacotherapies Advice and Complaints Service
PAC	Project Advisory Committee
PAMS	Pharmacotherapies Advocacy, Mediation and Support Service
SESIAHS	South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service
TAS	Tasmania
TSU	treatment service user
VAADA	Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association
VIC	Victoria
VIVAIDS	Victorian Drug Users Group (now Harm Reduction Victoria)
WA	Western Australia
WANADA	Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies
WASUA	Western Australian Substance Users Association