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NADA applauds calls for the expansion of drug crime diversion programs

The Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies (NADA) welcomes the NSW Opposition's justice spokesperson's call to end simplistic "tough on crime" approaches to deal with offenders with severe drug and alcohol and mental health issues.

NADA CEO Larry Pierce thinks the NSW Opposition got it right in identifying that more funding for drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs are more effective than building more prisons. "There is strong evidence for the effectiveness of drug crime diversion programs like Drug Courts and Magistrates referral to treatment in NSW and across the country" .

"it would be good to see real political bi-partisanship on this issue" says Mr Pierce. NADA also calls on the State and Australian government to further strengthen their current commitment to drug crime diversion and rehabilitation programs.

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