

## January 2020

### **The Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' update**

On Tuesday 28 January 2020, the final report of the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice', was presented to the NSW Premier and the NSW Governor by the Commissioner, Professor Dan Howard SC. At this stage, the report is confidential from the Commission to the government. NADA has contacted Health Minister Hazzard's office to enquire about the government's process for responding to the Commission's report recommendations and we also conveyed the advocacy priorities reported by members at our 2019 annual general meeting. We impressed that these priorities are consistent with the recommendations in the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' Closing Submissions of Counsel Assisting Report. For members that have not seen the report, it is [available here](#) [PDF]. At this time, we have no clear idea when the government's response will be made and when the report will be made public.

NADA understands that due to the recent bushfire crisis and the new coronavirus threat, the Premier and Health Minister are treating these as priorities and that we need to give the government time to make a considered response to the Ice Commission's report recommendations. However, we believe that it is time to bring our membership together to consider what we do know the Commission's report will recommend (this is outlined in the Closing Submissions report above) and to advocate for the release of the report and the Government's response.

NADA is proposing to conduct a member forum in mid to late February to review what we know the report will recommend (and hopefully the actual report's recommendations if it is public by then) and then to form an advocacy strategy for government action on the Commission's report. We will be in touch very soon with the details of this forum.

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