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Question:

What is its view as to the Swedish approach – a bi-partisan commitment to Sweden becoming a ‘drug free society’?

Answer:

The National Ice Taskforce (‘the Taskforce’) consulted with local communities, and heard from experts and individuals who have a particular expertise in relation to drug addiction and support services. This included consideration of approaches by other countries such as Sweden.

The outcomes of these consultations, along with the input received from written submissions to the Taskforce will inform the Taskforce’s deliberations. The Taskforce delivered an interim report to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting on 23 July 2015. All governments agreed to work with the Taskforce to develop a National Ice Action Strategy for agreement at the next COAG meeting.