

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The sector has been calling for improved coordination, and the establishment of an Alcohol and other Drug Interagency Strategy for Western Australia. The investment in this budget does not indicate a strategic response towards Alcohol and other Drug commissioning, planning and policy. Further investment is needed in the areas of prevention and early intervention.

Initiative	Impaired Driving Detection (BP2, V2, P400)
Investment	\$ 327,000 over 2023-24
Description	Investment will contribute to the RTTA Impaired Driving Detection (Alcohol and Drug) Program.
Implications	More information is needed to understand how this program will support people to access services that assist them to minimise problematic alcohol and other drug use.

Initiative	Casuarina Prison Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) Unit (BP2, V2, P415)
Investment	\$5.98 million over 2023-24
Description	An election commitment under the Methamphetamine Action Plan. An additional \$5.98 million will be spent in 2023-24 to support the treatment and rehabilitation of male offenders at Casuarina Prison through the Alcohol and other Drug program.
Implications	Investment that supports people prior to their reintegration into the community is welcome.

Initiative	Asset Investment Program (AIP) to support the delivery of mental health and AOD services (BP2, V1, P332)
Investment	\$40.9 million over the forward estimates period
Description	<p>The AIP includes the continued delivery of the Government's 2021 election commitments. Property, plant and equipment is expected to increase by \$39.1 million over the forward estimates period due to the acquisition of a 20-bed AOD rehabilitation facility, and youth housing and step up/step down facilities. These are funded by equity contributions from the Government, including through the Royalties for Regions Fund. The investment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction of a 20-bed AOD Rehabilitation facility • refurbishment of the Immediate Drug Assistance Coordination Centre • construction of a 10-bed step up/step down facility in South Hedland • acquisition of dwellings for the Youth Long-term Housing and Support Program • construction of a 10-bed Youth Mental Health and AOD step up/step down facility.

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	Other works include the construction of step up/step down facilities in Broome and Karratha
Implications	Will improve service access, particularly for young people in regional WA with acute mental health and AOD challenges.