

SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION TO
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILY & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES.

Further to the original submission made on 29 May 2000, I would like to include the following
for consideration by your committee.

The community in Mareeba, which has a higher population than Atherton and is within the geographical area serviced by Tablelands Alcohol & Drugs Service (TADS), has expressed their concerns that TADS cannot provide an adequate service to their community. I would agree with their concern. In the original submission for funding for a dedicated Alcohol and Drugs service on the Tablelands, there was a proposal for a team to be based in Mareeba, another team based in Atherton and a third team based in Ravenshoe. Unfortunately, the funding only allowed for one team for all the Tablelands.

Stats have still identified Alcohol as the main substance.

In our local region, Heroin is becoming more available.

More clients presenting with Hepatitis C.

Recommendations - Parents need to be more informed about drugs and be
Responsible for their children and know when to seek
Help for young people.

Government subsidy for treatment of drug abuse from sales of alcohol.

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