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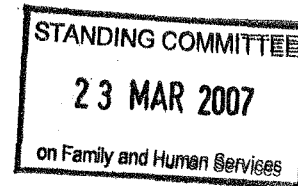
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Submission to the Inquiry into the impact of illicit drug use on families

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD), the principal advisory body to government on drug policy welcomes the opportunity to provide input into this Inquiry. The ANCD has a strong commitment to addressing the needs of families who have been affected by the impact of drug use. To this end it has commissioned two reports in the last two years that specifically addresses the issues in this area. The first of these reports "Drug Use in the Family: Impacts and Implications for Children" has been completed and is currently in the final stages of being edited ready for printing. The second report "Supporting Families: Investigating support options for family members of young people with problematic drug use" is anticipated to be completed later in the year. Both of these reports have been undertaken by a consortium headed by Griffith University in Queensland.

To assist in the Standing Committees deliberations the ANCD is forwarding a non edited copy of the first report and a copy of the project brief for the second report as its submission to this Inquiry. As the ANCD has not yet released these reports it would ask that the report be kept confidential and available to committee members only.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ANCD if we can assist any further in this Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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