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Open Letter to the Premier

Dear Premier Minns,

As health professionals, we know that drug checking is a proven, effective step we can take to help people make informed and potentially life-saving decisions about taking drugs.

In drug checking services, health professionals provide expert harm reduction advice and help people manage the risks of taking drugs. Drug checking already operates in 28 countries around the world, including Australia and is supported by a strong evidence base that shows it helps people make better decisions for their own wellbeing.

This summer is forecast to be a hot one, and we know that high temperatures combined with unexpectedly-high doses of MDMA is a dangerous combination that can be fatal. Without drug checking, there's no way to identify high-risk drug samples before people consume them.

Delaying drug checking will put lives at risk.

We are calling on the government to immediately start drug checking with an implementation pilot this summer festival season. The evidence shows that drug checking can help keep people safe. An evaluated pilot program will also provide vital information for further discussion at the NSW Drug Summit next year.

Signed,



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