

# Conclusion

The new and enhanced Victorian Prison Drug Strategy 2002 provides a framework that builds on the principles and practices developed in the original Strategy. It will enable prisons to better address the issue of prisoner drug activity and provide effective treatment options to reduce drug use and re-offending.

The new Strategy builds on traditional detection and deterrence measures, while also ensuring that Victoria's prisons play a crucial role in reducing the harm caused by drugs to the prison community and society.

The Strategy will guide service planning for each of Victoria's prisons and case planning for each prisoner with a history of drug use. It will ensure better targeting of resources to achieve the maximum positive effect.

The Strategy encourages an integrated and balanced approach to achieve the four primary goals of controlling supply, improving detection and deterrence, improving treatment and harm reduction.

Successful implementation of these goals will lead to a range of benefits for the prison system and for society as a whole by creating a safer environment for everyone living and working in Victoria's prisons and reducing drug use and re-offending post-release.

The maintenance of security and duty of care principles are priorities in Victoria's prisons. The Office of the Correctional Services Commissioner is confident the new Victorian Prison Drug Strategy and the revised Identified Drug User Program will lead to better management of identified drug users and drug activity across Victoria's prisons.