


Compulsory Alcohol & Other Drug Treatment


“What the heck...?” and
“Where did that come from?”

The process so far...




Key Points so far

- Previous reviews
- “Tackling Methamphetamine: An Action Plan 2009”
- Misuse of Drugs Act review
- Law Commission submissions
- Other legislation (particularly NSW)




Key Points so far cont’d

- Cabinet policy proposals
- Informed by expert opinion
- Systems / framework parallels to Mental Health
- Legislation to be drafted and referred to Select Committee
- May be commenced 2012/2013 onwards



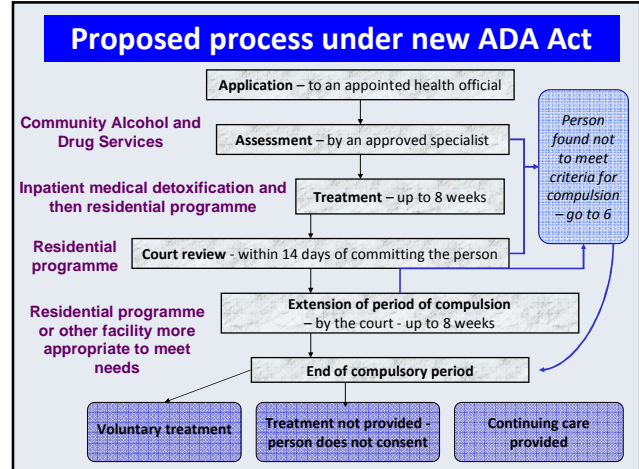
What is different


- Human Rights addressed, ie appeal, review etc
- Stronger process of application and assessment
- Determining “capacity”
- Shorter period of compulsion
- More opportunity for treatment engagement
- More support for families
- Significant guidance notes for staff
- Identifying people with acquired brain injury

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Challenges for our Sector

- Coming to grips with nationally accessible compulsory treatment access – currently limited – possible regional approach
- “Responsible Clinician role” – determining capacity – new for our sector
- Provision for those with appearance of brain injury
- Broad implications for a number of across govt agencies
- Unsuccessful applications
- Workforce development



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Your thoughts as leaders

- Please comment from your experience whether the proposed new Act and process may be useful
- If you have attempted / pursued an application process under the current Act how did this go? Barriers / progress?
- What have been any client outcomes as a result of resorting to compulsory treatment?

Discussion on practicalities

- Detox options?
- Where might people under the Act go post detox when there remains the appearance of ABI? (Service options)
- What might some of the longer term implications / options be for irreversible ABI?