

## **“WHEN WILL IT EVER END?” THE PROVISION OF REGULATED INJECTING EQUIPMENT TO AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS.**

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### **Background:**

No jurisdiction in Australia has allowed regulated injecting equipment into prisons. This is in contrast to international experience, and support for this initiative by UN agencies, including the World Health Organization.

### **Results:**

The ACT Chief Minister expressed public support for a needle-exchange program at the Alexander Maconochie Centre, on 15 August 2012. To this day, that promise has never materialized.

### **Conclusion:**

Bloodborne virus transmission remains an enduring risk to residents and staff in Australian prisons.

### **Disclosure of Interest Statement:**

None