



NSW Music Festival Drug Checking Trial: From Summit to Service

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Guidelines for Music Festival Event Organisers: Music Festival Harm Reduction

October 2024

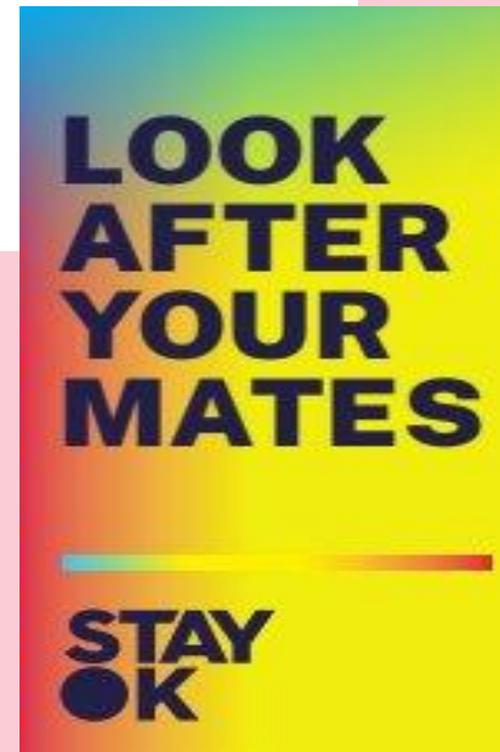
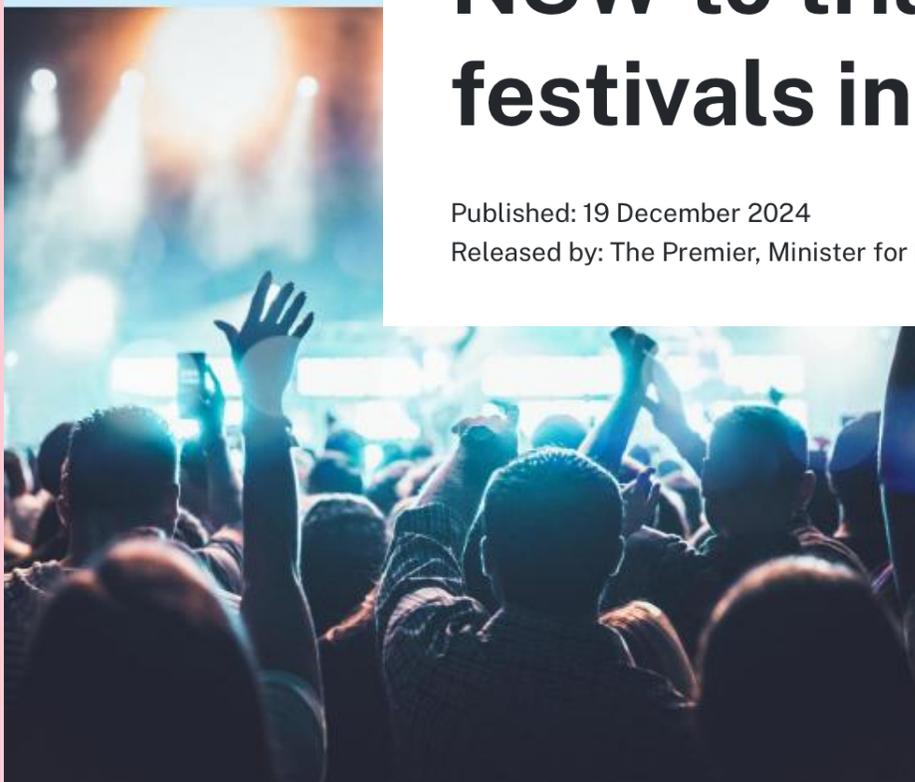
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Ministerial media release

NSW to trial pill testing at music festivals in 2025

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A NSW Government trial, led by Health

- 12-month trial
- Up to 12 music festivals
- Onsite testing with real time results
- Delivered in partnership with NUAA



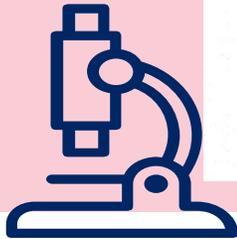
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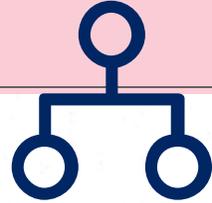
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Overcoming key challenges



Health



DRUG MISUSE AND TRAFFICKING ACT 1985
POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS ACT 1966
POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS REGULATION 2008
AUTHORITY – MUSIC FESTIVALS

Governance

Interagency Steering
Committee Membership

- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- The Cabinet Office
- NSW Police Force
- Department of Communities and Justice
- Liquor & Gaming NSW
- Aboriginal Affairs NSW
- NSW Ministry of Health

Statement of Regulatory Intent – obligations under the *Liquor Act 2007* for licensees participating in the NSW Drug Checking Trial

(Effective from 6 February 2025)

Why a NSW Government-led trial?

The first Australian model to be delivered directly by a government agency

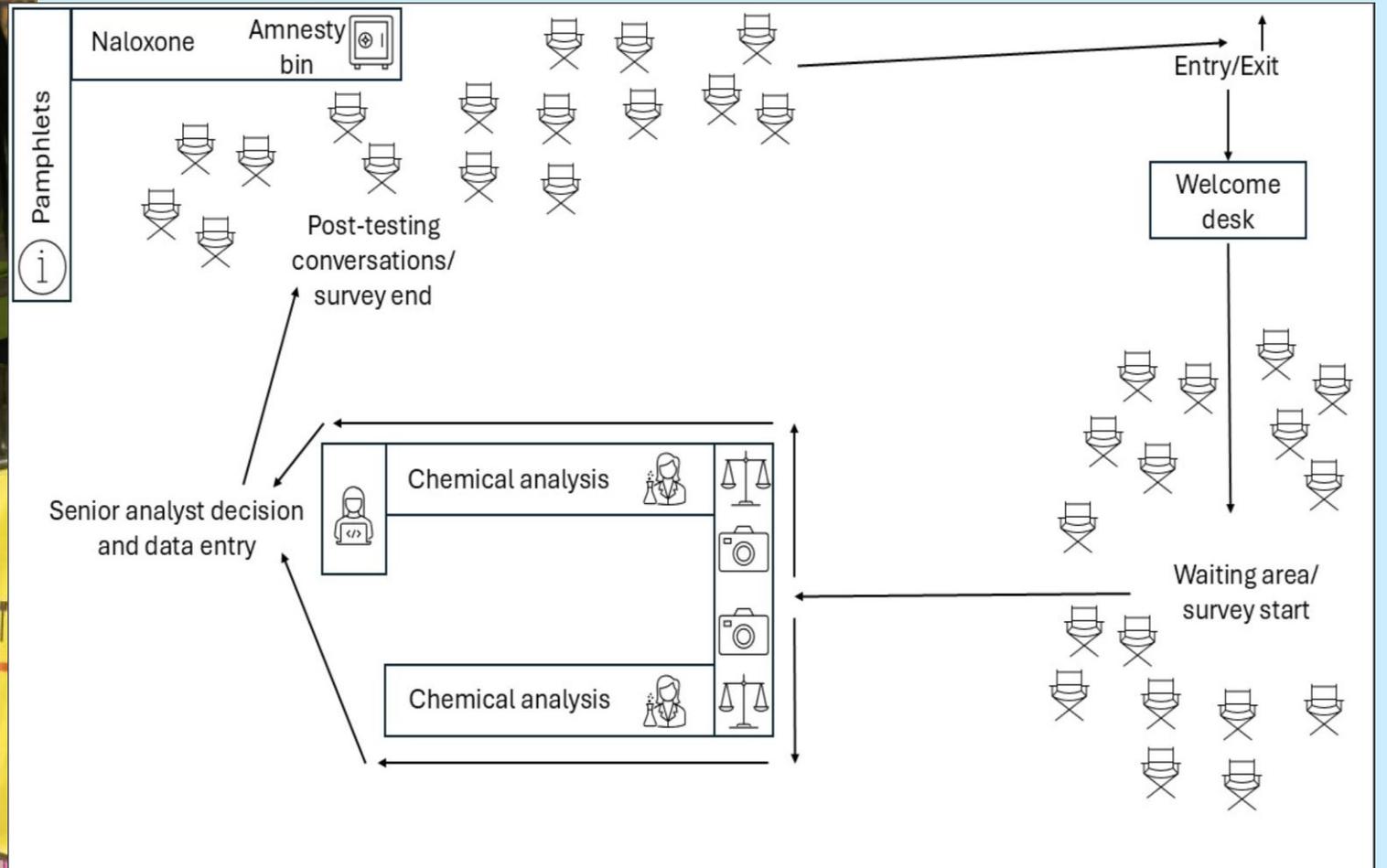
- Builds upon existing relationships and frameworks
- Builds upon and enhances existing drug surveillance programs



March 1, 2025 – Wollongong NSW



The setup and patron journey



How are we doing?



Where are we going?

- Up to 8 more services to deliver
- We are debriefing and learning with each service
- An **evaluation report** will be delivered to the NSW Government at the conclusion of the trial

We move forward with our key goals

- **Empower informed decision-making**
- **Facilitate timely health interventions**
- **Enhance the NSW drug surveillance and early warning system**