

Policy: Rhetoric and Practice

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“...make the conventions **fit for purpose** and adapt them to a **reality on the ground**”

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1985
National Campaign Against
Drug Abuse

Three pillars

A Balanced Approach Across the Three Pillars of Harm Minimisation



Demand Reduction

Preventing the uptake and/or delaying the onset of use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; reducing the misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the community; and supporting people to recover from dependence through evidence-informed treatment.



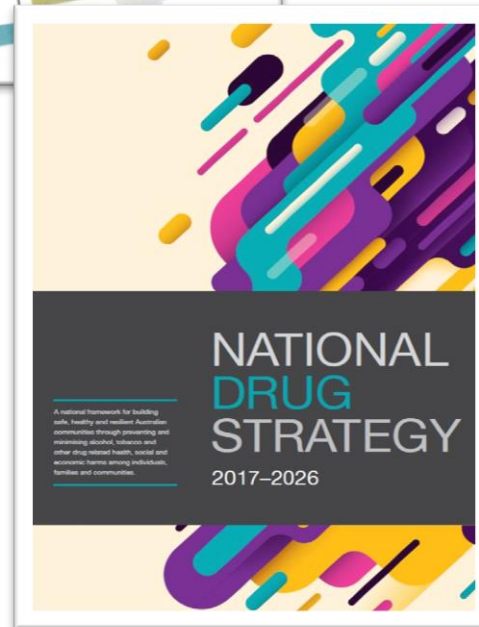
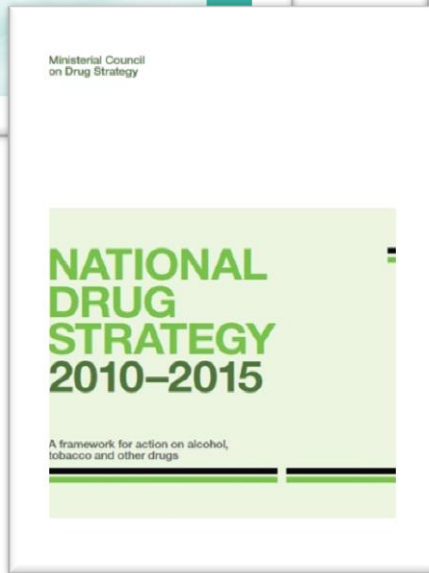
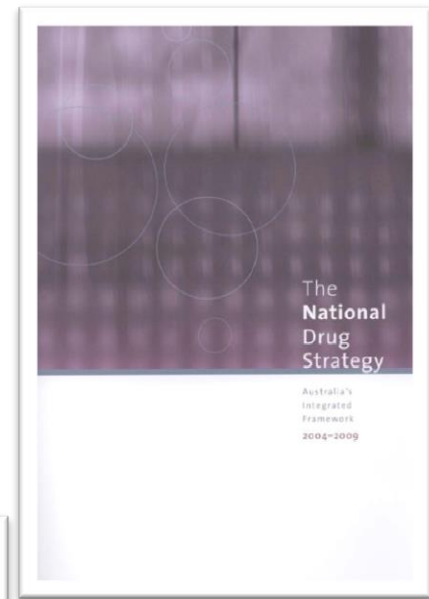
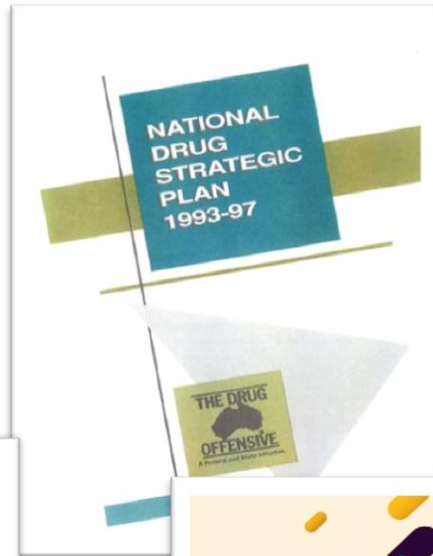
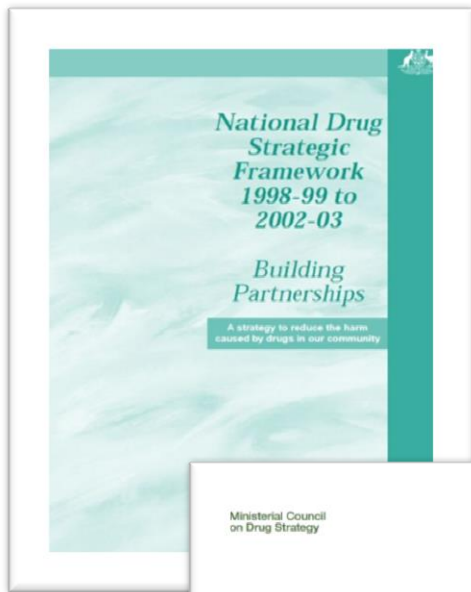
Supply Reduction

Preventing, stopping, disrupting or otherwise reducing the production and supply of illegal drugs; and controlling, managing and/or regulating the availability of legal drugs.



Harm Reduction

Reducing the adverse health, social and economic consequences of the use of drugs, for the user, their families and the wider community.



32 years of national drug strategies.....

“Tough on Drugs” campaign (1997)

The screenshot shows the AUSTRAC website interface. At the top left is the Australian Government logo. A search bar is located at the top right. A navigation menu includes links for Home, Businesses, Travellers, About Us, Publications, Enforcement Action, Media, Employment, and Contact Us. The main content area features a headline: "Government Remains 'Tough on Drugs'" dated 13 May 2003. The text below the headline discusses the government's commitment to tackling illicit drugs, mentioning the National Illicit Drug Strategy and funding of \$325 million over four years. A sidebar on the right contains "AUSTRAC Online" links (Log in to AO, Don't have an account?, More information), "Quick links" (Enrolment & registration, AUSTRAC compliance guide, Remittance sector register), and "Connect with us" social media icons.

Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative



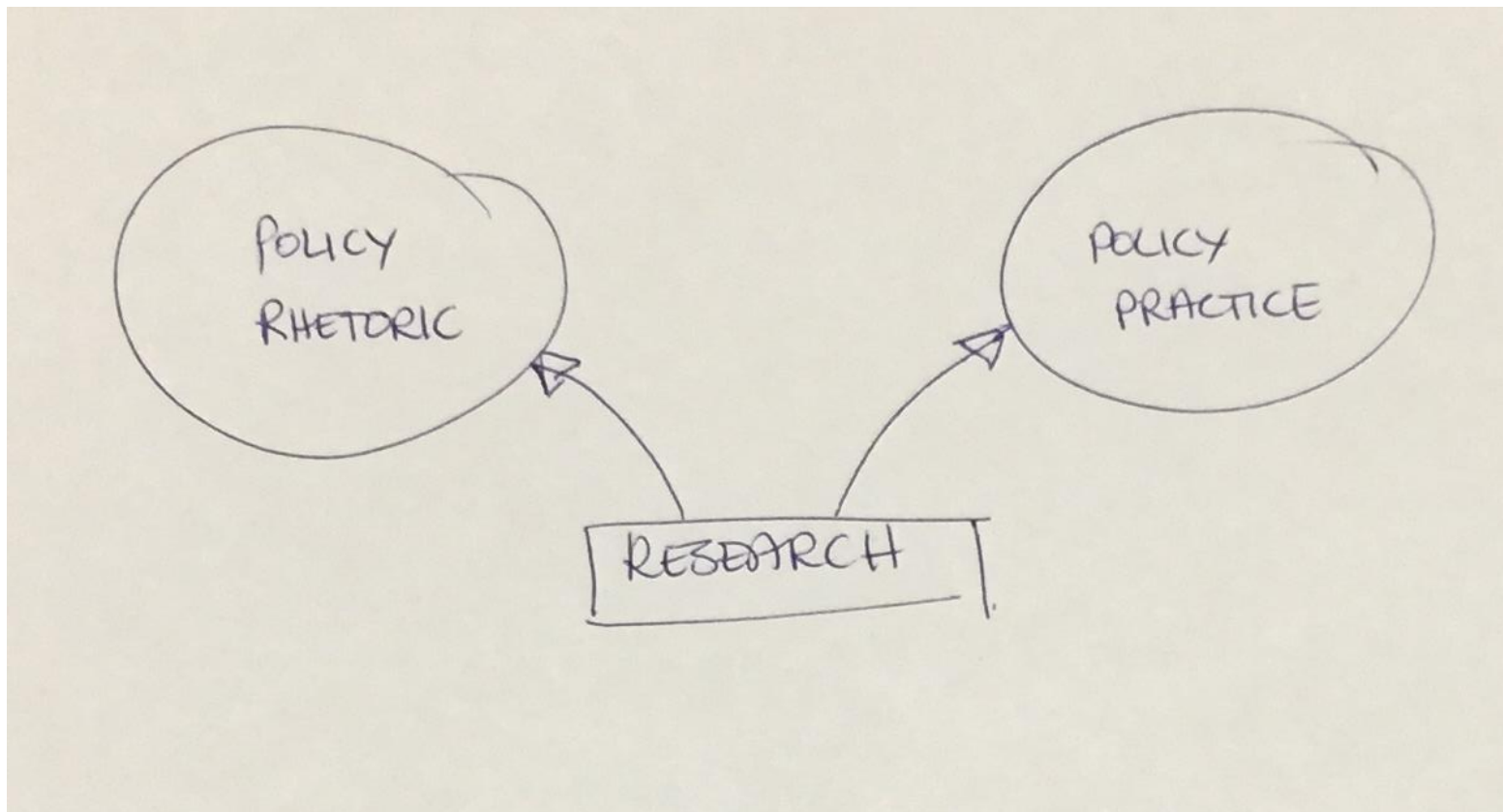
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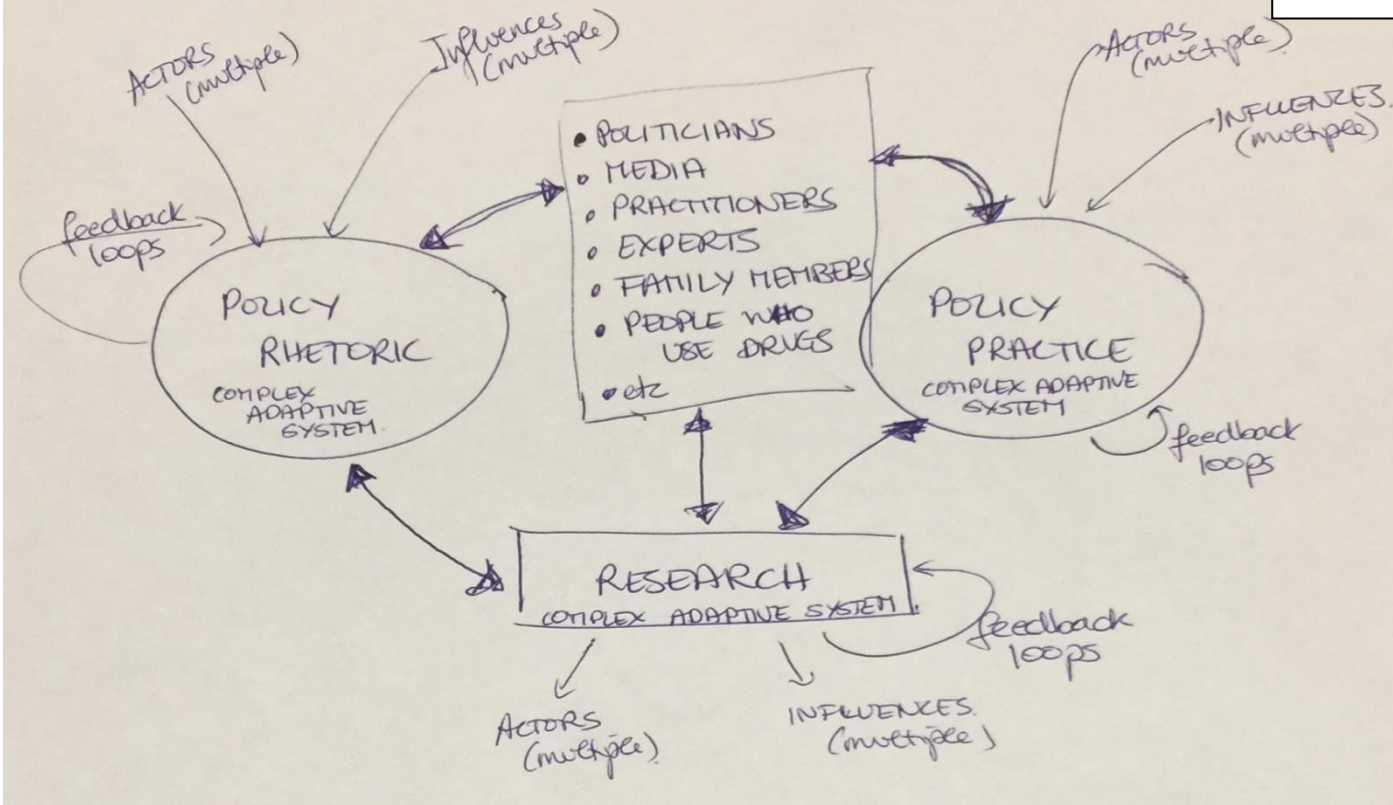
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Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative (IDDI)
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“EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY”

Thank-you