

War on Ice

Crack down on Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

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- Ban the display and sale of Ice pipes
- Fund drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds



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Hitting 'hard drugs' head on

Crystal methamphetamine, or ice, is the most dangerous drug scourge to face Australia. It is more potent, more dangerous and more addictive than any other illegal drug.

The National Drug Strategy Household Survey and the National Wastewater analysis program confirms that while cannabis remains the most commonly used illicit drug in Tasmania the misuse of meth/amphetamine is of great concern.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will strengthen Tasmania's response to the problems posed by all drugs in our society, and particularly ice.

Having successfully restored police numbers by 113, after Labor's savage cuts, and committed to recruit at least 125 more Police Officers over the next term of Government, Tasmania will be well positioned to fight the illegal drug trade.

Ban certain proscribed Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members wearing 'colours' in public

Certain Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMCG) have been proven to be a significant participant in organised crime in our state and present a risk to the safety of the public.

According to police, they are a major player in the distribution of ice in Tasmania.

Tasmania Police have stated that **"OMCGs are involved in violence, drugs, firearms and other crime. They are criminal organisations with business models designed to profit from illegal activities particularly illicit drugs. Tasmanian clubs have links to illegal activity nationally and internationally through strategic partnerships with other organised crime groups."** #

That's why, a re-elected majority Government will ban certain proscribed OMCG members from wearing 'colours' in any public place.

'Colours' are often used to intimidate, influence, recruit, promote and mark out territory.

The criminal activities of OMCGs distinguish them from other recreational motorcycle groups who gather purely to socialise and ride motorcycles.

Our Targets

#32: The lowest serious crime rate in the nation across all victimisation measures by 2022.

#33: The lowest use of crystal methamphetamine (ice) of any state by 2022.

#34: Reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Tasmania's roads to zero by 2050.

Why Tasmania Needs This

Nationally, addiction to crystalline methamphetamine has fuelled the spread of bikie gangs and international crime syndicates. Ice is linked to family violence, increases in crime and it places an immense amount of pressure on our emergency service providers.

Tasmania has not escaped the shocking damage that ice has on individuals, families and communities.

A tough response is required and Tasmania Police will be given increased powers to get traffickers off the streets.

Our tough on crime approach will help cut and disrupt supply and make Tasmania a safer place.

Tasmania Police media release "OMCG rides in Tasmania", Fact Sheet 18/10/17



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Unlike these other bodies, OMCGs self-identify as 'one-percenters', their view being that if 99% of people who ride motorcycles are law abiding, they are the 1% who are not.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will develop laws to prohibit the display of insignia that promote criminal associations and cause fear in the community.

Taking Ice pipes off the sales shelf

Smoking ice is more addictive than most other forms of drug use.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will legislate to stop the display and sale of Ice pipes. We will introduce an on-the-spot fine for any retailer or wholesaler found to be selling or displaying Ice pipes.

This policy sends a very strong message to Tasmanians that the use of ice is highly addictive, dangerous to health and illegal.

The change of law will remove the mixed message which currently exists where the drug is illegal, but paraphernalia to consume the drug is legally available.

Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation

To get Tasmanians the rehabilitation they need to break alcohol and drug addiction, a re-elected majority Liberal Government will support the establishment of additional rehabilitation beds.

We will fund 30 new community based drug and alcohol rehab beds, to be rolled out over the next three years.

We will also provide funding to the Salvation Army to continue operating 12 drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds at Ulverstone for a further three years after the current agreement expires, taking it to 2022.