



# Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck

Liberal Senator for Tasmania

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### Tackling the Scourge of Ice in Circular Head

The Coalition Government is delivering on our strategy to tackle the scourge of ice in our communities, with a Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) being established in Circular Head.

Under the program, partnerships work together to empower and educate communities to prevent and reduce the harms of alcohol and other drugs in their community.

Senator Richard Colbeck and Braddon Liberal Candidate Brett Whiteley congratulated Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation which will receive an initial \$10,000 in funding to help develop a local Community Action Plan. CHAC can then apply for additional funding to help deliver targeted, local projects, with support from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation.

“Tackling the scourge of ice is vital if we are to maintain strong communities in our rural and regional areas,” Brett Whiteley said.

“takamuna (meaning “journey”) will deliver local health prevention activities, including education, mentoring and support for vulnerable people to minimise their risk of alcohol and other drug related harms.”

“This is why the roll-out of our own Local Drug Action Team will be important for the strength, health and well-being of our community now, and into the future.”

Senator Colbeck said the Coalition Government is investing \$298 million over four years to combat drug and alcohol abuse across Australia under the National Ice Action Strategy.

“The Coalition Government is committed to backing our community leaders to make a real difference for people in their local areas.”

“Grassroots action to tackle the scourge of ice is key if we are to improve the health and safety of people in our rural and regional communities.”

“The Coalition Government is also working hard to stop drugs at the border and investing in intelligence and policing resources to ensure these terrible drugs don’t find their way into our neighbourhoods.”

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