1. The Queensland Government is committed to preventing and reducing the significant harm and costs associated with alcohol and other drugs (AOD) use to improve outcomes for individuals, families, communities, and the economy.
2. Many Queenslanders use AOD, spanning a continuum from occasional use to dependence. Harm can occur with any pattern of use across the spectrum. AOD-related harm includes injury, illness, disability and death. Harm to others includes road trauma, family and domestic violence, imprisonment, job loss, and relationship breakdown. Problematic AOD use decreases productivity and increases the burden on health, social and justice systems, and on individuals and communities.
3. *Achieving balance: The Queensland Alcohol and Other Drugs Plan 2022–2027* (*Achieving Balance*) establishes the strategic policy direction for a more integrated and coordinated system to achieve balance across the pillars essential to minimising harm: harm reduction, demand reduction and supply reduction.
4. *Achieving Balance* will help improve AOD outcomes for all Queenslanders by strengthening prevention and early intervention; enhancing treatment and support systems; expanding diversion; reducing stigma and discrimination; and reducing harm. Each priority is complemented by a set of evidence-based cross-sectoral actions.
5. *Achieving balance* aligns Queensland’s response with contemporary evidence, existing reform efforts, and community expectations. It progresses a balanced approach to harm minimisation with focus on enhancing cross-sectoral coordination to reduce vulnerability, strengthen early intervention, and enhance treatment and support.
6. *Achieving Balance* builds on existing investment, as well as new investment of $219 million for AOD services under *Better Care Together:* a *plan for* *Queensland’s state-funded mental health, alcohol and other drug services to 2027*.
7. Implementation will be driven and coordinated by the Strategic Leadership Group established for the implementation of the *Shifting minds: Queensland Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategic Plan 2018–2023*, comprising senior representatives from key Government agencies, supported by two cross-sectoral implementation groups.
8. Cabinet approved *Achieving balance: The Queensland Alcohol and Other Drugs Plan 2022–2027* for public release*.*
9. Cabinet approved the proposed governance arrangements for *Achieving Balance*, to be coordinated by the *Shifting minds* Strategic Leadership Group.
10. Cabinet noted the *Achieving Balance Consultation Report*.
11. *Attachments*:
    * [Achieving balance: The Queensland Alcohol and Other Drugs Plan 2022–2027](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/Aug/AchievingBalance/Attachments/Plan.PDF)
    * [Achieving Balance Consultation Report](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/Aug/AchievingBalance/Attachments/Report.PDF)