



MEDIA RELEASE

Australia's First Pill Testing Trial

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On behalf of our STA-SAFE consortium partners, Harm Reduction Australia would like to advise that the first pill testing trial to ever be held in Australia took place in Canberra on Sunday the 29th of April.

With the support of the ACT Government, including ACT Health & ACT Police, as well as the University of Canberra (where the festival was held) and the Groovin the Moo Festival promoters (Cattleyard), the STA-SAFE Consortium was able to successfully deliver a pill testing trial at the festival.

The service was very well received by festival goers and the trial will provide a very important range of information which will be provided to key stakeholders in the ACT.

The STA-SAFE consortium members are:

- ❖ Australian Drug Observatory (Dr David Caldicott)
- ❖ Noffs Foundation (Det. Supt. (ret.) Frank Hansen, Emeritus Prof Toni Makkai & Matt Noffs)
- ❖ DanceWize, Harm Reduction Victoria (Stephanie Tzanetis)
- ❖ Students for Sensible Drug Policies (Penny Hill)
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