



## Media Release

### ACT Support for Breakthrough Psychedelic-assisted Mental Health Therapies in Upcoming Election

Mind Medicine Australia welcomes the announcement of the ACT Greens in supporting the development of psychedelic-assisted therapies for the treatment of mental illness in its recently announced drug law reform policy platform.

[The pledge](#) from the Greens' reads "We believe that the ACT could truly be at the forefront of this global effort to better understand the possible benefits of the development of regulatory-approved and research-backed psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy for the treatment of mental ill-health in Australia."

Mind Medicine Australia is a NFP DGR-1 registered charity spearheading the introduction of psychedelic-assisted therapies to the Australian mental healthcare system. Its Executive Director, Tania de Jong said, "It's great to see a major Australian political party supporting psychedelic therapy."

"The amazing results achieved using psychedelic-assisted psychotherapies to treat depression, PTSD and addiction have been shown in over a hundred trials around the world at Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Cambridge and Oxford Universities."

The development of Medicine-Assisted Therapies utilising psilocybin and MDMA in Australia follows international research that has been so successful that the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted these medicines Breakthrough Therapy Status which is only given to medicines considered vastly superior to existing medicines. The FDA has created Expanded Access Schemes to allow people in need to undertake these therapies ahead of the conclusion of clinical trials and is expected to give full regulatory approval for these treatments in the US soon.

"The ACT Greens' support for psychedelic-assisted therapies will position Canberra at the global leading edge of this paradigm shift in mental healthcare." said Ms DeJong

ACT practising psychologist Clinton McCulloch backed the Greens policy saying "Research trials of psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy are showing promise, particularly for those where current treatments have not been effective."

Mind Medicine Australia's Board, including Admiral Chris Barrie and long-time Liberal MP Andrew Robb, management team, ambassadors, and Advisory Panel consist of leading practitioners in the applied treatment of mental illness, psychedelic medical research, health strategy, ethics and other relevant fields from both Australia and overseas.



# MIND MEDICINE A U S T R A L I A

**Mind Medicine Australia** is a registered charity (DGR-1 status) working to develop evidence-based and regulated psychedelic-assisted treatments for mental illness in Australia. Mind Medicine Australia is wholly focused on the clinical application of psychedelics, and provides a nexus between medical practitioners, academia, government, regulatory bodies, philanthropists and other partners. We support research, and develop therapist training, ethical guidelines, and educational material and events.

We do not advocate for non-clinical use of psychedelics or any other prohibited substances, nor do we advocate for any change to the law with respect to non-clinical use.

Please visit [mindmedicineaustralia.org](http://mindmedicineaustralia.org) for more information about our quest to introduce Medicine-Assisted Therapy to Australia: website [www.mindmedicineaustralia.org.au](http://www.mindmedicineaustralia.org.au)

Please note the following are available for interview:

- The Hon. Andrew Robb AO
- Peter Hunt AM
- Dr Simon Longstaff AO
- Tania de Jong AM

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