

PRESS RELEASE

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Consensus of support for CBD MSIR

The Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA) is pleased to present this joint letter of support for a medically supervised injecting room in Melbourne's CBD.

This letter has been signed by 78 CEOs and other leaders from a range community organisations including alcohol and other drug, health, legal, religious as well as welfare and support services.

This letter will be released at 10 am on 9 March from Rainbow Alley in Melbourne.

Read the letter here: bit.ly/3mtTR2Y.

There will six spokespeople including CEOs as well as the family of a young man who fatally overdosed at that location.

1. Sam Biondo, CEO, VAADA
2. Major Brendan Nottle, Salvation Army Melbourne 614 Project
3. Melinda Wagner, Acting General Manager for Keeping Housing, Launch Housing
4. Dr Paul MacCartney, cohealth GP and addiction specialist
5. Rev Dr Margaret Mayman, St Michael's Uniting Church
6. Katrina Korver, mother of Danial Korver

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Media stories on alcohol and other drugs may be traumatic for some people. Support is available and we ask that media agencies consider publishing the details below:

If this story has raised issues about your own or others drug and alcohol use, please contact the national hotline for confidential counselling and referral on 1800 250 015

VAADA is the peak body that represents over 80 Alcohol and other Drug services across Victoria. On a daily basis these services are dealing with the effects of harmful alcohol and other drug consumption.