



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Australia's First Pill Testing Trial

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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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