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## Family Drug Support Dismay at Premier's Amnesty Bin Announcement

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Tony Trimingham, the Founder and CEO of [Family Drug Support](http://www.fds.org.au) (FDS), on behalf of the many thousands of families FDS is in contact with, has expressed his utter dismay and disbelief that once again the NSW Premier and Government have slammed the door on life saving pill testing.

It is unconscionable that that the extensive work and findings of the NSW Deputy Coroner, an independent evaluation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> successful trial in the ACT and the deaths of so many young people recently at festivals, can be so easily ignored.

This announcement today is a devastating blow to those of us who already know that the front of house pill testing trialled in Canberra is a proven public health measure that should be available at all festivals. Closing one's ears and eyes to the harm caused by current policies is simply not good enough.

I call on the premier to meet with me and the families of people who have been lost so that she can explain why she is so intransigent and seemingly unaffected on these tragedies.

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### About Family Drug Support

- Established by Tony Trimingham in 1997, Family Drug Support volunteers take over 25,000 calls to their support line every year.
- The Service provides 24/7 support (Phone: 1300 368186) and support groups in capital cities and a growing number of regional centres.
- FDS also offers the Stepping Stones course for families/friends supporting someone with drug and/or alcohol problems.
- For more information, visit: [www.fds.org.au](http://www.fds.org.au)