Acknowledgment of the Lived and Living Experience of Alcohol and Other Drugs in Tasmania

I/We acknowledge and deeply value the diverse voices and experiences of people with Lived and Living Experience of alcohol and other drugs. I/We acknowledge that experiences with alcohol and other drug use are unique to everyone. I/We value the various support networks who stand alongside people within this community, offering care, support, and strength through challenging times.

Stigma and discrimination can affect not only individuals but also the broader community which impact equity, access, and opportunity for all.

I/We acknowledge and appreciate the significant contributions of Lived and Living Experience Advocates and Peer Workers. Your expertise, passion, and dedication improve the lives of people, families, and the wider Tasmanian community. Together, we honour your essential voice and shared commitment to creating a future where dignity, respect, and understanding are the foundation of every decision that impacts Tasmanians.

This acknowledgment was co-designed with Tasmanians who have Lived and Living Experience of AOD use. It is a living document, reflecting the evolving needs and priorities of the community. We acknowledge that this document will require periodic review to remain relevant and responsive to these changes. We encourage the use of this document in its intended purpose, within the Tasmanian AOD specialist and health sectors. For any enquiries, please contact Claire Ripper – Manager Lived Experience claire@atdc.org.au

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